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HISTORIC SPEECH ON INDIA

HOUSE CHEERS MR. BALDWIN

TORY LEADER STRESSES NEED OF UNITY OF ALL PARTIES.

GANDHI GOING TO LONDON?

Cheers from the crowded galleries in the House of Commons greeted Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Conservative leader, who opened the debate on India yesterday with a brilliant and historic speech.

Referring to the difficulties confronting many Conservatives, Mr. Baldwin declared that if those who faced the subject of India in a niggling and grudging spirit were the majority of the Party, in God's name let them choose another leader.

If they were in the minority let them cease throwing difficulties in the way of those who had undertaken an almost superhuman task, on the successful performance of which depended the prosperity, the well-being, and the duration of the British Empire.

"VICTORY OF COMMONSENSE"

London, Yesterday. The galleries in the House of Commons were crowded to-day, with Lords Peel and Lloyd in the Peers' Gallery and a number of Indians in the Dominions' Gallery, when the debate on India began on the Civil Estimates vote.

Mr. Winston Churchill from the outset sought a ruling as regards the permissible scope of the debate. The chairman ruled

have surrendered to Mr. Churchill. (Laughter). There has been no surrender; there has been no victory, but there has been a victory of common sense.

Mr. Baldwin, concluded by paying a tribute to Lord Irwin, and saying that such a conclusion as had been reached could have been reached by no other Briton.

Need for Unity.

Mr. Baldwin, in stating that whatever happened in India, the area of goodwill and co-operation had been definitely enlarged, quoted, amid laughter, the words of Mr. Churchill in 1920 in reference to Egypt, emphasising that the "British way of doing things implied a close and perpetual co-operation with the peoples of the country, and this has been nowhere so successful as in India."

Mr. Baldwin said that there could be no better summing up of the situation than that speech.

Mr. Baldwin stressed the need for unity among all parties on the subject of India. He was convinced that such writings as appear in papers like the Daily Mail do more to lose India than anything. Mr. Baldwin said that many people were blind to the alarming rapidly with which the East was changing, and declared that the ultimate result in India (and he again referred to the passage by Mr. Churchill, which he quoted) depended not on force but goodwill, sympathy, and understanding between India and Great Britain.

Lord Irwin's great work was that he bridged the gulf and his

grave difficulties. Mr. Stanley Baldwin, who opened the debate, said that the Conservative Party stood exactly where it stood in his speech at Newton Abbot, in which he said that the main objective was an All-India Federation, but there were many grave difficulties and the Conservative Party was not committed—every one was not committed—because it was impossible to pronounce a definite opinion until a definite plan had been submitted. They must judge how far it was possible to achieve the federal idea without surrendering the essential safeguards, and added that in spite of what they might have read or heard, the Party co-operation which existed in this country since the appointment of the Simon Commission had not been broken and remained exactly where it was.

No Surrender.

Mr. Baldwin said that there had been recently much excitement about nothing. The Government, after the conference, made a suggestion involving the sending of delegates to India. He himself and the colleagues he consulted, including four members of the Round Table Conference, unanimously felt that it was the business of the Government of the day to take this matter in hand. He told the Government and now he told the House that Conservatives were willing at all times to be consulted.

Mr. Baldwin deprecated most strongly the use of the words "victory" and "surrender" as regards the Irwin-Gandhi conversations. "I have been told that I

FRENCH BOURSE TAX MAY GO.

Scheme to Transform Budget Deficit.

WOULD GIVE SURPLUS.

Paris, Yesterday. The Finance Committee of the Chamber have adopted amendments providing for a two per cent. reduction in sections of the estimates of the War Marine dealing with "material and building," also the abolition of a reduction tax on long term Bourse operations, which have been enforced since last April. If Parliament votes on the amendments the deficit in the Budget will be transformed into a surplus of 21,000,000 francs.—Reuter.

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Historic Speech.

Mr. Wedgwood Benn, Secretary for India, said that after Mr. Baldwin's historic speech there was really nothing to add from the point of view of the Indian situation. He was certain that Mr. Baldwin's words would be read with relief and delight by all sections of opinion in India. No one would be more encouraged in his task than the Viceroy.

If Mr. Baldwin stood by the declaration which Lord Peel made on January 28—and it was so, Mr. Benn declared—the work on which they all had been engaged would go forward, and with success. (Cheers).

Delegation to India.

Mr. Wedgwood Benn said that the Government had carefully considered sending a Parliamentary delegation to India forthwith to reconstitute the Round Table Conference with the addition of representatives of Congress, but the advantages of this plan were outweighed by important practical considerations, including the exigency of the Parliamentary situation here and the necessity of much preliminary work in India by Indians.

Immediately the Indian delegates, including the representatives of Congress, were prepared to resume the discussions the Government proposed to invite them to come to London and resume the work of the Federal Relations Committee. They hoped the whole problem would be ready for a final discussion early in the Autumn.

Mr. Churchill Pessimistic.

Mr. Winston Churchill declared that the developments of the past six weeks might be a subject for congratulation among those agreed upon the establishment of an All-Indian Federation with a responsible Government as the precursor of full Dominion status, but less enthusiasm was pardonable in those who thought that these processes were premature and dangerous and likely to lead to confusion and disaster. Nevertheless, the fact that Conservatives would not be represented at any Round Table Conference in India made amends for much. Moreover, the chances of an agreement that would unite all sections in India and be ratified by the British Parliament were remote, and slight, while the probabilities of a breakdown were enormous.

Test of Honour.

The House of Commons agreed to the vote on account. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, winding up the debate, said that an invitation had already gone to the Viceroy to endeavour to assist an early meeting in London of the Federal Structure Committee, and there were hopes that Gandhi would be present.

The Round Table Conference had been very useful in laying down the preliminary conditions of a federal union. Referring to the difficulties confronting many Conservatives, Mr.

SHIPPERS' PROTEST TO PREMIER.

Suez Canal Dues A Burden on Britain.

MERCHANTS' RESOLUTION.

London, Yesterday. The Council of the Mercantile Marine Service Association (the senior representative body of British ship masters and officers) has sent a letter to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald supporting the Shipping Merchants' resolution in regard to the Suez Canal dues.—Reuter.

[An earlier message stated: the Shipping Merchants' Committee of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution expressing the opinion that the high dues charged by the Suez Canal Company are proving a serious disadvantage to British trade and an advantage to inter-African and other competitive trades which are free from the heavy burden of dues.

The Committee urges that His Majesty's Government, as the largest individual shareholder in the Canal Company, should use its influence to secure a reduction to five gold francs per ton in respect of loaded ships, and two and a half in respect of ships in ballast, in accordance with the arrangement made in 1883 between British ship-owners and the Canal Company.]

JAPANESE ROYAL INFANT NAMED.

Princess of Honesty and Obedience.

ANCIENT COURT RITES.

Tokyo, Yesterday. In accordance with the ancient Court rites, the naming ceremony for the new born Imperial child was carried out in the Royal Palace this morning.

The infant Princess was named Atsuko Yorinomiya, which may roughly be translated as "Princess of Honesty and Obedience."—Reuter.

[A message of March 7 stated: at noon a long drawn shriek of a siren announced the birth of an Imperial infant. It had been arranged beforehand that there would be one blast for a daughter and two for a son.

When the siren sounded the whole of Tokyo ceased work and listened expectantly. Three times previously during the past six years, when the birth of an Imperial child was expected, similar arrangements were made to indicate the sex.

Intense excitement prevailed to-day after the first blast, but the second never followed and there was obvious disappointment that prayers for a son and heir to the throne remain unanswered.]

TORY VICTORY.

RESULT OF SALISBURY BY-ELECTION.

London, Yesterday. The Salisbury by-election, due to the resignation of Mr. Hugh Morrison (Conservative) has resulted as follows:—

Mr. Spencer Robertson (Cons.) 15,800
Mrs. C. F. G. Masterman (Lib.) 9,588
Mr. F. R. Hancock (Lab.) 3,939

This gives a Conservative majority of 6,214.—Reuter.

[The polling at the General Election was:—
Mr. Hugh Morrison (Cons.) 15,872
Mrs. Masterman (Lib.) 13,022
Mr. Hancock (Lab.) 4,436
Conservative majority 2,650]

SCALDED IN TUB.

The death of a Portuguese child under tragic circumstances on the first floor of 556, Nathan Road, is told in the Police reports this morning.

Dr. J. T. Smalley, medical officer in charge of the Kowloon Hospital, reported that Frederick Ribeiro, aged two years and a half, was admitted to Hospital on Wednesday, suffering from severe scalds, and died soon after admission. The child accidentally fell into a small bath tub full of boiling water.

OPERATION ON MR. SNOWDEN.

May Return to Duties After Easter.

SPECIALIST'S DECISION.

London, Yesterday. The Harley Street surgeon, Sir John Thompson Walker, lengthily examined Mr. Snowden to-day and decided to perform a minor operation on March 16. It was at one time feared that a major operation might be necessary. It is hoped that Mr. Snowden will be able to return to the House of Commons after Easter.—Reuter.

[Mr. Philip Snowden, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has been ill for several days, suffering from influenza. His doctors called in the eminent consulting surgeon, Sir John Thompson Walker, on March 7.]

MUI TSAI CONTROL.

Orders For Inspection Carried Out.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons at question time Mr. E. T. Campbell (Conservative, Bromley, Kent) asked why the Orders contained in the Secretary of State's despatch on August 22, 1929, instructing that steps should be taken forthwith to establish machinery for the inspection, control and remuneration of Mui Tsai in Hong Kong had not been carried out.

Dr. Drummond Shiels replied that Mr. Campbell was mistaken in thinking that the instructions were not carried out.—Reuter.

WILL AMERICA SIGN NAVAL PACT?

Views Similar to Those of Japan.

RATIFICATION BY SENATE.

Washington, Yesterday. Several informal conferences regarding the British, French and Italian naval agreement have been held between the Japanese Ambassador and officials of the State Department, and it is believed that the attitude of the Japanese and American Government is very similar.

Mr. Castle, Assistant Secretary of State, stated on behalf of Mr. Stimson that the incorporation of the agreement in a new five-Power Treaty would involve ratification by the Senate.—Reuter's American Service.

FAIR RETURN ON INVESTMENT.

Legal Argument in Mortgage Case.

EXPERT EVIDENCE.

The question of a fair return on investment in Hong Kong cropped up in the Supreme Court this morning.

The occasion was the continuation of the much-disputed case in which plaintiff, Mrs. Chu Shuk-widow, of 121, Caine Road, brought action against the Banque Franco-Chinoise pour le Commerce et l'Industrie for damage under an indenture of mortgage dated December 5, 1928, made between herself as to the first part, W. M. Pittendrigh as to second part, and defendants as to third part.

Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, of Messrs. Palmer & Turner, stated that he made a valuation of the property on April 1, 1930, and valued it at \$30,000. He took the value of the land at \$30 per square foot, and the value of the building at \$3,500.

Mr. Jonkin suggested that Mr. Carr Clark had given it as his opinion that the land was worth \$45 per square foot—I consider that to be too high, much too high. Cross-examined by Mr. Sheldon, witness said he had heard the ques-

WHAT THE ALLIES OWE BRITAIN

Our Position in Regard to War Debts.

GERMANY PAYS UP.

London, Yesterday. The position of Great Britain in regard to War debts was outlined by Mr. F. W. Pethick-Lawrence (Financial Secretary to the Treasury) in reply to a question in the House of Commons. He said that the amount to be received during the financial year from Germany in reparations annuities was £16,300,000, and from Allied debts £17,700,000, making a total of £34,000,000 against £33,000,000 to be paid during the



Mr. Pethick-Lawrence.

same period to the United States in respect of British War debts. The receipts from the Dominions during the same period amounted to £7,632,000, which represented the repayment of moneys borrowed in Britain on behalf of the Dominions and which could not be reckoned as a set off against the American debt payments.—Reuter.

THOSE PIGS!

LEAD TO \$100 FINE ON A SKIPPER.

Captain Larier, of the s.s. Klungchow, this morning pleaded "guilty" before the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hols, R.N., (retired), to a charge of having arrived in the Colony on March 11 with pigs in crates on board the ship, the pigs not being stowed in accordance with regulations.

The Magistrate, in passing sentence of a fine of \$100 or two months' jail in default, said that this kind of offence must cease. The regulation under which the summons was taken out had been in force since last September and yet people did not seem to take any notice of it.

RAIN AND FOG.

The Royal Observatory's weather report, to-day, states: A weak anti-cyclone is central over the Eastern sea. Moderate to light monsoon along the N.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Forecast—Easterly winds, moderate; overcast; some light rain and fog.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—nil. Rainfall since January 1—1.07 inches against an average of 4.04 inches—deficit 2.97 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—
Hong Kong 62
Macao 61
Pratas Island 72
Manila 74
Fuchow 56
Swatow 59
Chefoo 32
Shanghai 43

tion put to Mr. MacKichan, and they did not alter his (witness's) opinion at all. This concluded the evidence and the hearing was adjourned.

DRIVER'S DIFFICULT CHOICE.

"Left Hand Side" Mere Convenience.

WHAT WAS HIS DUTY?

Holding that the defendant's car should never have been where it was in Chater Road Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning imposed a fine of \$5 on Lo Wing-sun, the driver of a public car, who was summoned for having failed to drive on the left hand side of Chater Road on February 19, at 10.45 a.m.

Mr. Horace Lo appeared for the defendant. It will be recalled that there was a slight collision between a combination motor cycle driven by Traffic Sergeant Guild, and the defendant's car. Referring to the accident, Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield, who was a passenger in the car, in evidence, stated that in his opinion the motor cycle swept too wide into Chater Road from Ice House Street, and was going a little too fast. For the driver of the car to back the whole way to Statue Square would obviously be dangerous.

Mr. Lo submitted that no offence had been committed. The rule that "a driver shall keep to the left hand side of the road" was not imperative, applying only to cars when going along a road, and was not included when the driver of a car manoeuvred the vehicle to get it into position. He quoted two cases, and submitted that the authorities went to show that the "left hand side" was a mere convenience.

His Worship decided against Mr. Lo, and held that if the driver wanted to go forward it was his place to send someone to see if the cross-road was clear of traffic. He was willing to take the error of judgment on the part of the driver, and was quite prepared to admit to Mr. Lo that the defendant had had a difficult choice. He would be fined \$5.

A YOUNG SCOUNDREL.

Described by Mr. E. W. Hamilton in the Kowloon Court this morning as a young scoundrel, Cheung Shing, 16, a returned banished, was ordered to receive 16 strokes of the birch and go to jail for three months. He said that he came back to get ten dollars and that he had no intention of staying in Hong Kong. In his crowded young life he was cautioned once, and whipped twice, and had committed burglary and assault.

TOO TALKATIVE!

Major F. R. Roche-Kelly, R.A.V.C., was summoned before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning for having left his motor car unattended in Des Vaux Road Central on February 25, at 11 a.m.

Major Roche-Kelly admitted the offence. He explained that that he went to see a friend in Jardine's office, and meant to stay for a minute or two. But unfortunately he got into conversation and stayed a long time in the office. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

STOP PRESS

Cologne, Yesterday. A meeting of the International Raw Steel Cartel in Dusseldorf decided to continue the restriction of the normal output by 30 per cent. during the second quarter of 1931.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.

Members of the House of Commons of all Parties agree that Mr. Baldwin's spirited speech was the outstanding feature of the India debate and one of the most notable in his political career. It is expected to have an important effect on India in removing misunderstandings caused by the India Committee's bold, if not mischievous, announcement. His assertion of the responsible Conservative objective in regard to Indian constitutional changes is endorsed by all sections of the Press, except the Rotherham and Beaverbrook organs.—Reuter.

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Surgeon Captain, R.N.
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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Lot No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
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COMPANY MEETINGS**THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1931, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from 5th March, 1931, to 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Hong Kong, 19th Feb., 1931.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 42nd ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 4th March, 1931, to WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
ALLAN KEITH,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 19th February, 1931.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th March, 1931, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 27th Feb., 1931.

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 19th March, 1931, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 10th March, 1931, to THURSDAY, the 19th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 2nd March, 1931.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE SIXTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Undersigned on THURSDAY, the 26th March, 1931, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
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Hong Kong, 5th March, 1931.

GENERAL NOTICES**HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.****CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL.**

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Hong Kong, March 10, 1931.

NOTICE.**HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.**

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, March 20, at 5.30 p.m.

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TO-NIGHT
AT 9.15.

TO-MORROW
at 9.15 P.M.

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SPORT NOTICES**THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 14th March, 1931, commencing at 2 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary badges (Limited to two) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 including tax, for all persons including ladies and is payable at the gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, &c. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1931.

COMPANY MEETINGS**A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 16th March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1930.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of March, 1931, to TUESDAY, the 17th day of March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1931.

OUR NEIGHBOUR MARS.**Controversy of Martian Canals.****ITS CLOSE APPROACH.**

After an interval of about two years Mars has once again returned to our night skies says the Astronomical Correspondent of the Manchester Guardian. Even the most uninitiated star-gazer can have no difficulty in identifying our neighbour world.

Even the casual observer will notice that Mars is distinctly inferior to Jupiter in apparent brightness. Though Mars is so much nearer to us, Jupiter has a diameter of 86,000 miles and Mars no more than 4,260 miles. But on occasion Mars does surpass Jupiter in brilliance, as was the case in 1924. The orbit of Mars is more markedly elliptical than the average. Indeed, it was by means of a study of the path of Mars that Kepler discovered the first of his famous laws—that the planets move round the sun in elliptical paths. The earth, revolving in an orbit inferior to that of Mars, requires considerably less time to complete its circuit of the sun. The Martian year is equal to 687 of our days. Every two years and two months or so the earth overtakes Mars, and when the planet is in a line with the earth and the sun it is in opposition. But of course these oppositions do not take place at the same points of the orbits. Owing to the eccentricity of the Martian orbit the earth and Mars may approach each other within 34,000,000 miles. Oppositions which occur in August are the most favourable; oppositions in February the least. The present opposition, taking place at the end of January, is about as unfavourable as possible, that of 1933 will be almost equally so.

Recent investigations. Nevertheless, the approach of Mars is always an event of importance in the astronomical world; and even an unfavourable opposition has compensating advantages. To us in the northern hemisphere Mars is high in the sky and may be observed through much less thickness of atmosphere than in August, when it traverses the lower zodiacal constellations. Further, at these unfavourable oppositions Mars turns its northern hemisphere towards us, and region of Mars are open to full inspection which are not so well seen when the planet makes its nearest approaches.

That Mars is the most earthlike of all the planets is generally acknowledged, though it would appear that it is not so earthlike as used to be supposed. The earlier observers who mapped the planet and gave names to the blue-green and reddish-ochre areas were of opinion that the former were permanent bodies of water—oceans and seas—and that the latter represented the continents of our neighbour world. Within the last half-century, however, it has been shown that "his interpretation of the appearance of Mars was incorrect. The work of Schiaparelli, followed by that of Lowell, Pickering, Slipher, and others, proved conclusively that there are no permanent oceans on Mars; that the blue-green areas are fertile lands, and that the reddish-ochre areas are desert. The discovery of the famous "canals"—long straight markings crossing not only the reddish-ochre regions, but the blue-green areas as well, finally disapproved the idea that these areas are aqueous in nature. The Martian "seas" are temporary bodies of water, resulting from the melting of the polar caps. These are visible as broad, blue belts which become prominent when the white snowcaps are shrinking in the Martian summer-time.

The Canals.

For many years controversy has raged concerning the nature of the Martian canals. The most widely canvassed theory was that of the late Professor Lowell, founder and first director of the Lowell Observatory in Arizona. Lowell maintained that these straight dark lines were much too geometrical in form and arrangement to be natural objects. He regarded them as strips of fertilized ground, on either side of waterways much too small to be seen—waterways constructed by the inhabitants of Mars to convey the water from the melting polar caps to the parched and thirsty equatorial regions; while he viewed the dark spots at the canal junctions as "oases," or centres of population. This theory has, of course, been hotly contested; but it has been strengthened rather than weakened in recent years by the discovery made by means of radiometric measurements at the Lowell and Mount Wilson Observatories that the mean annual temperature of Mars is not so much lower than that of our earth as had been supposed; and the discovery at the Lick Observatory, Canada, that the Martian atmosphere is denser than even Lowell believed. These discoveries, have warranted Professor Pickering in saying that "animal life may readily exist in Mars. Indeed, a possibility exists that even human life, if transported to Mars, might exist and flourish there."

HIGHLAND HOPES CHARGES.**False Portuguese Report.****CHARGES AGAINST CREW.**

The allegation that Portuguese newspapers deliberately made and published damaging charges against the officers and crew of the Highland Hope in order to injure British shipping interests was made at the hearing of the Board of Trade Inquiry into the loss of the liner, says the London Daily Telegraph.

The vessel, a Nelson motor-liner of 14,129 tons, ran on to the rocks of the Farilhoes, off the Portuguese coast, on November 19, in dense fog. All the 545 passengers and crew were saved. The inquiry, which opened on January 27, is being conducted by Mr. John H. Harris (metropolitan magistrate) at the Law Courts.

After evidence had been concluded Mr. C. Miller (for the owners) submitted that the officers and crew of this ship were drunk, and that the crew flung themselves into the boats, leaving the passengers to fend for themselves, and with no rowers in the boats.

"Almost immediately after the stranding," he added, "there were reports in the Portuguese papers in which it was alleged that the officers and crew of this ship were drunk, and that the crew flung themselves into the boats, leaving the passengers to fend for themselves, and with no rowers in the boats."

"These reports purport to be interviews with a Portuguese officer and with seamen. Whether those seamen made those statements I do not know. One would not like to think a seaman would make statements of that kind about his comrades."

"Whether it is to be attributed to the effervescence of Portuguese journalism I do not know, but this I do know—that these reports are absolutely and disgracefully untrue."

"They injure not only these owners, they injure British shipping abroad, and one can only think they were made and published deliberately to injure our interests. There can be no other reason, because all the evidence shows that the officers and crew behaved splendidly in the face of extreme danger."

Plucky Officers. Mr. F. R. Hayward (for the second and fourth officers) contended that they had carried out the handling of the boats to the best of their ability and in a plucky, gallant, and painstaking manner.

He referred to the evidence of Group-Capt. R. C. M. Pink, a passenger on the liner, who had criticised the officers and crew in connection with the lowering and manning of the boats and also the boats' equipment.

Mr. Hayward described it as a "wicked and reprehensible thing" for a senior officer in his Majesty's Forces "to give irresponsible and unreliable evidence, even though the element of that officer is no longer the cold grey sea, but the hot air where I propose, without further comment, to leave him."

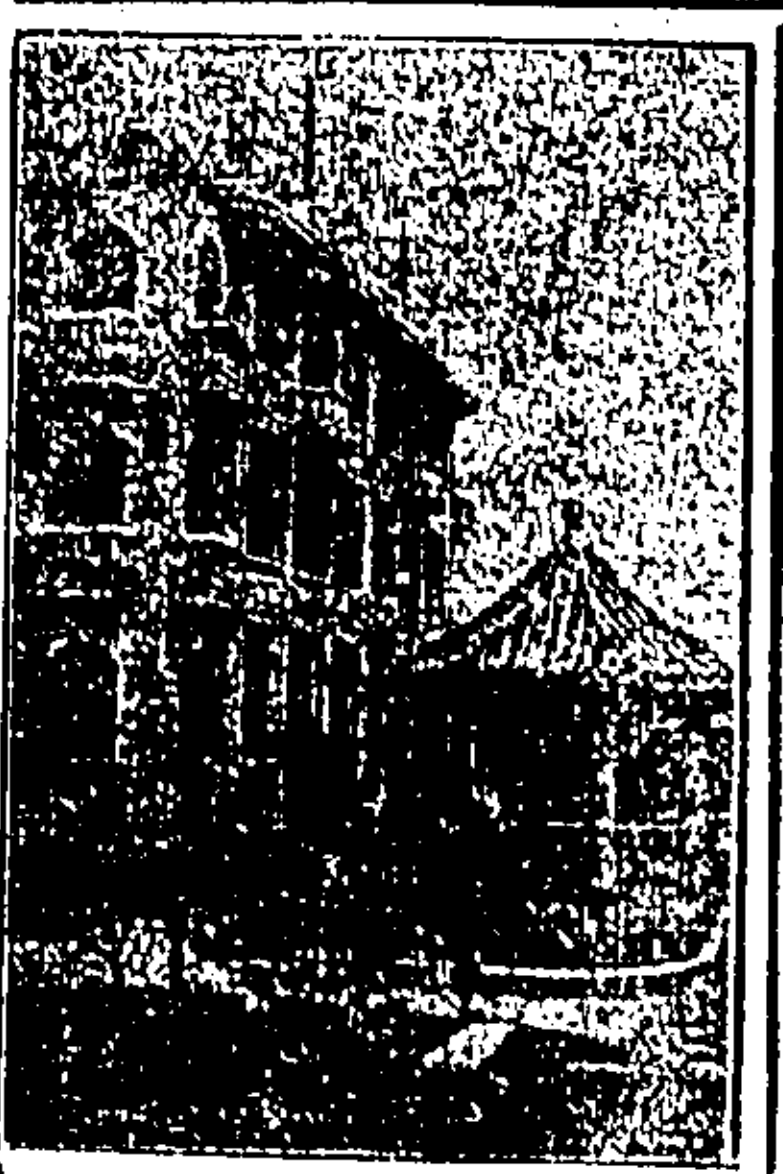
Earlier Mr. Harris had said that they attached no importance to Cmdr. Pink's evidence.

Grain exports from Saint John continue to be much heavier this season than last, deliveries to mid-January amounting to 2,792,571 bushels as compared with 988,305 bushels for the corresponding period of last season.

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As to the canals themselves, there is a general consensus of opinion among observers that whatever be our interpretation of these enigmatical markings, they certainly exist as objective features of the Martian surface. Sir James Jeans in his popular book on "The Universe Around Us" goes far beyond his warrant in stating that "the supposed canals of Mars disappear when looked at through a really large telescope, and have not survived the test of being photographed."

The present opposition may throw fresh light on some of the problems presented by Mars. Professor Pickering states that during the next few weeks the northern polar cap will be gradually turned towards us more and more, and will be of maximum use. "The formation and development of the northern marshes, corresponding to our tundras in Siberia and Northern Canada," will be of interest to the "Martian atmosphere" watch.

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PRINCE TO VISIT LIVERPOOL.

The Prince of Wales is to pay a ceremonial visit to Liverpool in the early Autumn of 1931 in his capacity as Master of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets, the title conferred upon him by the King in February, 1928.

Among the Prince's engagements in Liverpool will be a banquet at the Town Hall in connection with the Honourable

Company of Master Mariners, which has a large membership on Merseyside, and of which Sir Burton Chadwick, M.P., is Deputy Master. The new roadway under the Mersey will then be nearing completion, and it is expected that the Prince will be eager to add to his many explorations a run underground from Lancashire to Cheshire, though the official opening of the tunnel will still be some time ahead.

TOILERS OF THE DEEP.

The Catamarans of Ceylon.

There is perhaps no profession which calls so much for the exercise of the sterling qualities of enterprise, endurance, and courage as the harvest of the sea. The primitive fisherman plying his fragile craft on the rough surface of the coastal waters is a familiar sight along the shores of India and Ceylon, but few apparently appreciate the sturdy virtues which his occupation demands. And this is particularly true of the average Ceylon fisherman, whose life is one of hard toil, cruel uncertainties, and considerable risks. These handicaps are, however, matched by his excellent physique built up by a simple life. And Nature it would appear, in accordance with the universal law of compensation offers to the "toilers of the deep" abundant return.

The life of the deep-sea fishing community is distinct from that of the Marakan class whose business is usually confined to the coast. Long before dawn the canoes are drawn up and the men, having done due justice to a hearty meal, proceed with net and tackle to board their tiny vessels, each usually containing four souls, skipper included. Once the boats successfully negotiate the on-rushing shore waves, they plod gaily along to the accompaniment of crude music into uncharted seas infested with sharks, with absolutely no guide save that of the stars, and their own empirical knowledge in the matter of oceanic navigation. Perched on their craft, it would seem that one false step and these men would be overboard! But their confidence in their own craft and skill is indeed amazing.

Maybe, as usually happens, the small fleet divides, to meet again if all be well. Such separation hardly appears to concern them in the least so long as there is not much freakish weather. While the men are on their job with their nets, we must return to land to see the other part of the picture. Should the fleet's absence be prolonged and rough weather arise, there is much anxiety. Harbour authorities are approached to institute a search, perhaps only to hear later from them the news of the safe arrival of the whole party with a bumper harvest! Occasionally, the fishermen find themselves the victims of terrible gales but, disaster is rare. Even then the victims swim to shore or cling tenaciously to what remains of their craft, hungry and weather-beaten, until picked up by a passing boat. Often they are none the worse for this experience. Cases are on record, it is told, where catamarans covered the distance between sea-stations

adjoining Colombo and Tuticorin during seasons when S.O.S. signals from passing steamers would be usual.

The fishermen are also great smugglers in spite of the vigilance of the authorities on both sides of the Straits. Profits from such a "side-line" are extremely handy in monsoon-time, when much fishing cannot be done. Besides, the Fishermen's Relief Fund, to which all men are compelled to subscribe in proportion to their status and earnings during active seasons, is a source of relief in cases of need.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, March 11.
Klungchow, British str., 1,545 tons, Capt. W. Larter, from Hoihow, buoy No. B16.—B. & S.
Suisang, British str., 1,983 tons, Captain W. Field-Hook, from Amoy, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Thursday, March 12.
Batavia Maru, Japanese str., 2,736 tons, Capt. N. Niide, from Tawao, buoy No. A8.—O.S.K.
Chian Lee, Chinese str., 1,850 tons, Capt. K. Ishii, from Dairen, buoy No. B3.—Yee Tai Hong.

Corona, Norwegian str., 1,953 tons, Captain O. Klette, from Chin-wantao, buoy No. B27.—Doddwell & Co.

Hangsang, British str., 1,369 tons, Capt. J. Moodie, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

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Himalaya Maru, Japanese str., 5,229 tons, Captain S. Tabata, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,507 tons, Captain R. Nagayama, from Swatow, buoy No. B23.—N.Y.K.

Sungshan Maru, Japanese str., 1,503 tons, Captain T. Honjo, from Canton, buoy No. C4.—N.Y.K.

Szechuen, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. C. E. Fisher, from Swatow, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Takekoyo Maru, Japanese str., 4,287 tons, Capt. Y. Moraki, from Hoihow, P.I., buoy No. A4.—N.Y.K.

Yendai Maru, Japanese str., 2,070 tons, Capt. Kawachimaru, from Dairen, Yaumati Anchorage.—D.K.K.

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Marazion—No. 7 buoy.
Medway—No. 2 buoy.
Osiris—In dock.
Oswald—In dock.
Peterfield—East wall.
Sandwich—No. 13 buoy.
Sepoy—East wall.
Seraph—No. 12 buoy.
Serapis—No. 11 buoy.
Sirdar—No. 10 buoy.
Stormcloud—No. 11 buoy.
Suffolk—North arm.
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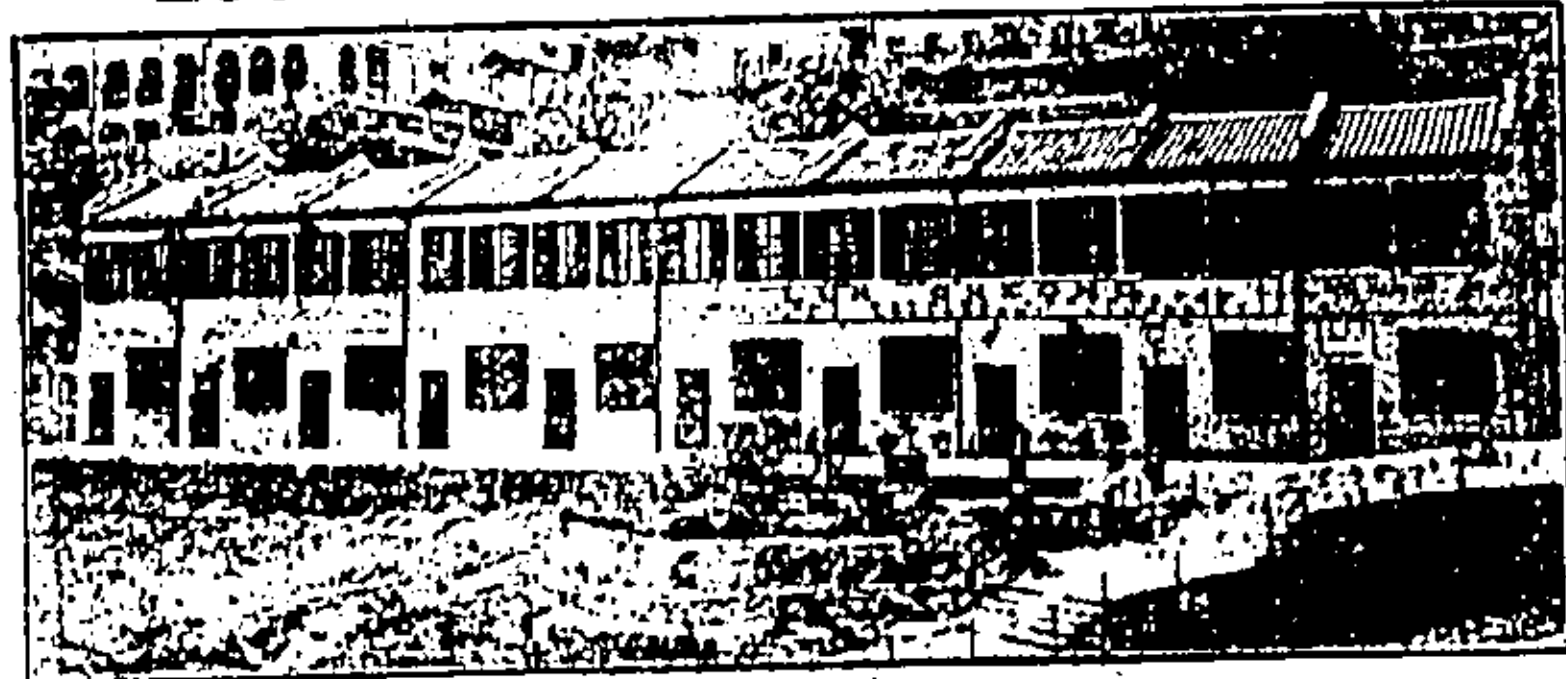
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DEBATE ON INDIA.

The Gibbon who will one day in the undetermined future pen the destinies of the British Empire is likely as not to find inspiration for his section on India by referring to three events: the Round Table Conference, the civil revolt of India, and yesterday's debate in the House of Commons. The Conservative leader, often maligned but often justly criticised, made one of the greatest speeches of his political career, and, had the galleries of the House been filled with the shades of the mighty oratorical statesmen of the eighteenth century, we can imagine that the appreciation with which all Parties assembled listened to his speech would have been no less. In spite of himself rather than deliberately, Mr. Baldwin, by the greatness of his speech, regained in that instant the position which he has been steadily losing of recent years as the solid and sincere leader of his party. In appealing for the unity of all parties on this grave and difficult question, with which is bound up the well-being and perhaps the destiny of the Empire, Mr. Baldwin struck a familiar but forceful note. It is the lamentable lack of co-operation politically which has led Britain into so many crises, and it is inconceivable when the Parties are for ever at variance (often on an absurdly remote point) that a sound and definite policy should have evolved. It has long been clear that revision of the Party system is desirable and that on vital matters affecting the Empire some kind of coalition should be

formed. The views of the three Parties do not differ very widely on the Indian problem and there is a common policy which all desire to dictate, but for some reason the spirit of co-operation has been sadly lacking. All recognise that the East is changing and that the ultimate goal depends not on force but on goodwill, sympathy, and understanding between India and Great Britain. It cannot be supposed, as Mr. Baldwin remarked, that in this world of evolution India alone is static, and the demand of the country for a federal constitution can no longer be disregarded. The problem which now faces the British Government is how best to achieve this federal idea without surrendering any of the essential safeguards, and it is on this vital point that the co-operation of Parliament is most needed.

Whatever the future may bring for the relationship of Great Britain and a federated India, it is certain that the one man who has prevented a definite rupture of those relations is the Viceroy, who, after many years of suspicion, has bridged the gulf by ability and character. It is a great tribute to his character—character which has given him prestige in India that nothing else could have afforded him—that the conversations with Gandhi ended as they did. Such a conclusion, in the words of Mr. Baldwin, "could have been reached in the circumstances by no other Briton than Lord Irwin."

News in Brief.

One non-Chinese case of diphtheria was notified yesterday from Kowloon.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 61 degrees. The humidity was 65 at 10 a.m. and 67 at 4 p.m.

A Chinese boatman of a lighter belonging to Holt's Wharf accidentally fell overboard yesterday, and was drowned.

It is proposed to hold an Old Alleyman dinner on Wednesday, March 25, at 8.15 p.m. in Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

A passenger travelling from Macao to Hong Kong by the a.s. *Sui*, An yesterday jumped overboard on the journey, and was drowned.

Kong Kai (58) a coolie, suffered injuries to his left leg and foot during blasting operations yesterday at Tai Kok Tsui. He was taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

The Bridge party organised by Mrs. H. A. Taylor, to be held in the Helena May Institute on Wednesday, March 18, in aid of the Victoria Branch of the M.O.L., has been cancelled.

Having returned from leave, Mr. C. L. Sanders has taken over the management of the local branch of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., from Mr. F. Thorogood.

The annual general meeting of the Society of St. George will be held in the Board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., on Monday, March 30, at 5.30 p.m.

A Chinese was brought before Mr. E. H. Williams this morning and charged with the unlawful possession of 379 fountain pens and 78 patent pencils, the property of the Commercial Press, Ltd., 35 Queen's Road Central. He was remanded for one week.

A married woman, Ip Kui (62), of 17, Yue Wu Street, was sent to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries to her head, stated to have been caused by a bamboo pole which fell on her from the third floor of 2, Burrows Street.

Engaged in working on the pro- peller of the s.s. *Corator* at the Cosmopolitan Dock Lam Kan (42) a coolie, accidentally fell from a staging plank—a height of about ten feet. He was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital, suffering from injuries to his head.

Early this morning, Revenue officers carried out a raid on board the river steamer *Sui Tai* and seized a large quantity of opium, estimated to be over 2,000 taels. As a result a Chinese appeared before Mr. W. Schofield in the Central Police Court, and was remanded till to-morrow.

Business worries are alleged to have caused Cheung Kai-ming (41), a merchant living at the Man Fong Boarding house, 142 Connaught Road Central, to attempt to commit suicide by jumping from the first floor of the building. He received injuries to his spine, and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Another case of suspected murder was brought to light yesterday when the body of a Chinese youth aged about 16 years, was discovered on the foreshore at Tsin Wan, between the twelfth and thirteenth milestones. The body, which had been in the water for over ten days, had a bullet wound in the head and another in the thigh. A bullet has been extracted from the latter wound.

Members and other interested are reminded that the Scottish concert arranged by the Kowloon Branch of the Helena May Institute is being held at 9 o'clock to-night. The feature will be songs of Lady Nairne with a short reading on her life by the Rev. J. Horace Johnston. Songs will be rendered by Miss Frances McGill and the "Four Bees" Quartette. Admission will be 30 cents for members and 50 cents for non-members.

The S.P.C.A. Carnival Ball takes place to-night when both the Roof Garden and the Rose Room in the Peninsula Hotel will be in use. Supper is to be in the Rose-Room at 11.30 p.m. and the dance will continue until 2 a.m. The Hotel are making arrangements to serve a special dinner for guests who wish to attend the Ball. Tickets will be obtainable at the door and it is expected that many will avail themselves of this facility.

During the business session of the Victoria Diocesan Conference the following were elected to the Executive Council:—Bishop Dupuy, Rev. C. B. Shann, Rev. W. W. Rogers, Miss R. Mow Fung, Rev. N. V. Halward, Prof. L. Forster, Mr. R. Ashton Hill, Mr. J. W. Baldwin, Prof. J. L. Shell-shear, Mr. A. C. Braine-Hartnell, Dr. G. A. C. Herklotz and Rev. A. D. Stewart, Rev. P. Jenkins and Rev. C. B. Shann were re-elected fraternal delegates to the Diocesan Synod.

JOINED THE "REDS"

TROOPS SENT TO SUPPRESS
MUTINEERS.

RAILWAY IN DANGER.

Hankow, Yesterday.

A brigade of troops despatched from Wu-Han to Liu Ling to suppress the mutineers are also reported to have joined the "Reds," who have now captured Kwang-shui.

The famous Wusengwan pass and the railway tunnel beneath are in serious danger of capture by the "Reds." The railway staff at Kwangshui have left the place.

—Router.

The new plant of the Ontario Fertilisers Limited at East Saint John has been erected in thirty days and is the largest of its kind in the Maritimes, with a capacity of 10,000 tons. The finished product will be shipped throughout Canada and the British Empire.

Y.M.C.A.

ANNUAL MEETING OF
MEMBERS.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton last night presided over the annual meeting of the Y.M.C.A., which was held in the Association building in Salisbury Road, Kowloon.

The report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for more than a week, I do not propose to have them read to-night unless any member should so desire. The annual general meeting has usually been held at 6 p.m., but your Directors decided to change the time to 9 p.m., in the hope that it will be more convenient to members. The attendance this evening indicates that the Directors have been correct in their decision. During Mr. Hunt's absence Mr. McPherson very kindly took over the Secretaryship in addition to his many other duties and we are very appreciative of his assistance and general supervision, although he tells me that most of the detailed work was carried out by Mr. Ingram. Mr. McPherson gave us his services without remuneration and we are therefore very much indebted to him for all he did.

Sir Henry Pollock. Before proceeding further, I want to express our gratitude to the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, who has for so many years been connected with us, and who is now on a long holiday in Europe. Sir Henry Pollock has been connected with us from our beginning in 1904 and has been President of the Association from 1919 until last year. I have had several letters from Sir Henry Pollock, and I am sure you are all glad to hear that both he and Lady Pollock are benefiting by their stay in Europe. Sir Henry Pollock has been indefatigable in his efforts on behalf of our Association, and we shall be very pleased to see both he and Lady Pollock amongst us again.

When at Home last year I had the pleasure of visiting the Head Association and attended one of their regular tiffin after which I was shown over the building and had a long talk with Mr. Chamberlain on the general organisation.

I am glad to see that there has been a substantial increase in our gross income. It was unfortunately necessary for the Directors to increase the board and lodging charges as recommended by the House Sub-Committee who had given the matter their very careful consideration, but, on the other hand, I am glad to see that a part of the increase is due to the increase in the number of members which is always a happy augury for the success of any Association and indicates the appreciation of our services. It is a matter for congratulation that a large number of the young men of the Colony are finding this Association a convenient and happy place, in which to spend their leisure time.

Whilst dealing with the finance, I am glad to note the flourishing condition of the various Clubs under our aegis, and it is a matter of satisfaction to see that the members are assuming a larger share in the management of our activities, and this we believe largely contributes to the success of the past year. In the Library and Debating section the general interest appears to have waned when compared with former years, but I hope the coming year will see a renewed interest in this important section.

One of the outstanding events of the past year has been the decision to undertake the present scheme of extension. The desirability has been apparent to your Directors for some time. It is the intention of your Board to obtain a sufficient number of rooms to accommodate casual visitors, members of the mercantile marine and naval ratings, as it has been difficult to meet this already increasing demand, but the addition of 30 bedrooms should bring the necessary relief. Increased facilities for recreation are also badly needed. I have myself noticed how difficult it has been to accommodate those who desire to join in our various social functions, and I have been informed that on one of our evenings nearly 200 members and friends endeavoured to find accommodation. It is unnecessary to point out that a swimming bath is a most useful adjunct to any institution. I cannot pass from this subject without expressing the appreciation of the financial facilities which our Association received from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, which has enabled us to proceed with the new extension and will not only increase our revenue, but add very considerably to the amenities of our Association.

The Directors believe that the Y.M.C.A. is an asset to any community, but particularly so in a place like Hong Kong, where men are continually arriving from Home. They find themselves in the midst of new conditions, and it is invaluable in assisting them to become generally acclimatised to their new surroundings.

The new plant of the Ontario Fertilisers Limited at East Saint John has been erected in thirty days and is the largest of its kind in the Maritimes, with a capacity of 10,000 tons. The finished product will be shipped throughout Canada and the British Empire.

The Y.M.C.A. is a powerful body. It is a religious and moral institution—not as its enemies would have the world believe, a sanctimonious one. It proscribes no harmless pastime, but, on the contrary, encourages every species of wholesome recreation, at proper times and places. The extension of mental, moral and religious culture to all who desire the blessing, is one of its leading objects and another is to place Christianity in its legitimate light before all men, by showing practically that genuine cheerfulness and the practice of virtue are incomparably preferable to the false and fleeting excitement of a life of mere indulgence.

"Christianity is intensely practical. She has no trait more striking than her common sense."

Before concluding, on behalf of the Board I desire to thank all those members who have been uniting their efforts in making the past year so successful for the Y.M.C.A. (Applause.)

Report Adopted.

The annual report and statement of accounts for the year 1930 were taken as read, and adopted by the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

POPSY IS HURT.

[To the Editor of "China Mail."] My dear,—I do think that middle-aged man was simply too unkind. I cried for hours after reading his letter.

You know I'd never be unkind to dumb animals, and I've always said that even God's humblest creatures like beetles and worms and civil servants and all sorts of crawling things must once have had mothers who cared for them and even if you quite adore them you can be kind to them. And I've got Tubby to buy no end of tickets for the S.P.C.A. Ball and I only hope that everybody who loves animals like me, you know what I mean, will turn up and then it will be a perfectly lovely evening.

And I do think it's too bad if a girl can't try to help to suggest how to get money and Angus says I've lots of splendid ideas and last night when Tubby was out with the dog Angus kissed me and said that was a tribute to my genius but for goodness' sake don't tell Tubby, still it is nice to feel there's someone who appreciates you.

And my dear, it's simply too wrong what he says about my not being interested in the home and all that because even Tubby says I take as much care of our aspidistra as if it was a baby, and if I am just a tiny wreny bit modern and don't positively dote on antimacassars and maternity gowns and things I'm always nice minded and perhaps it isn't all my fault as don't let horrid men be unkind to me.

Your very hurt,

Hong Kong, March 12.

WAR BOOKS.

INTERESTING LECTURE BY MR.
BOWES SMITH.

LIFE IN THE TRENCHES.

An interesting lecture was given by Mr. A. M. Bowes Smith, who is himself the author of a war book, on "War Books," before the English Association in the Cathedral Hall last night. Mr. Bowes Smith prefaced his remarks by stating that books published during the War and shortly afterwards were mostly forgotten and many of them deserve oblivion. Prior to the Armistice authors were prevented from telling the truth about the War by censorship and through fear of being thought pacifists. Accounts of life in the trenches published at that time are spoiled for present-day readers by the absence of place-names, their lack of candour and criticism, and by silence on most of those aspects of war that are really worth recording.

At the conclusion of the lecture, Mr. H. C. Macnamara, Dr. M. O. Pfister and the Rev. Father G. Byrne added interesting remarks and comments on other books about war which had not been mentioned by the speaker.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of March 13, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/4 1/2.

Judgment in favour of the plaintiff has been given by Mr. Justice J. R. Wood in the bungalow case in which the Rev. Father A. Henriques claimed \$205 from Mr. George Theodore Lam for wrongfully removing the support of the wall of his bungalow at Homantin and committing them to other wise secure, the plaintiff's compound and boundary walls.

HISTORIC SPEECH ON INDIA

(Continued from Page 1.)

structure. The work was going on in India and here. We were placing now a test upon the honour of Britain, not only upon its honour, but upon the capacity of Britain to face a very difficult political situation.

Gandhi to Make Salt.
Borsad, Bombay Presidency, Yesterday.
At the exact hour at which Gandhi a year ago to-day started on his famous salt march, the Mahatma left this morning, accompanied by Vallabhai Patel, on a tour of the Kaira district en route to Dandi, where on the shores of the Indian Ocean he proposes once more to make salt on March 14.

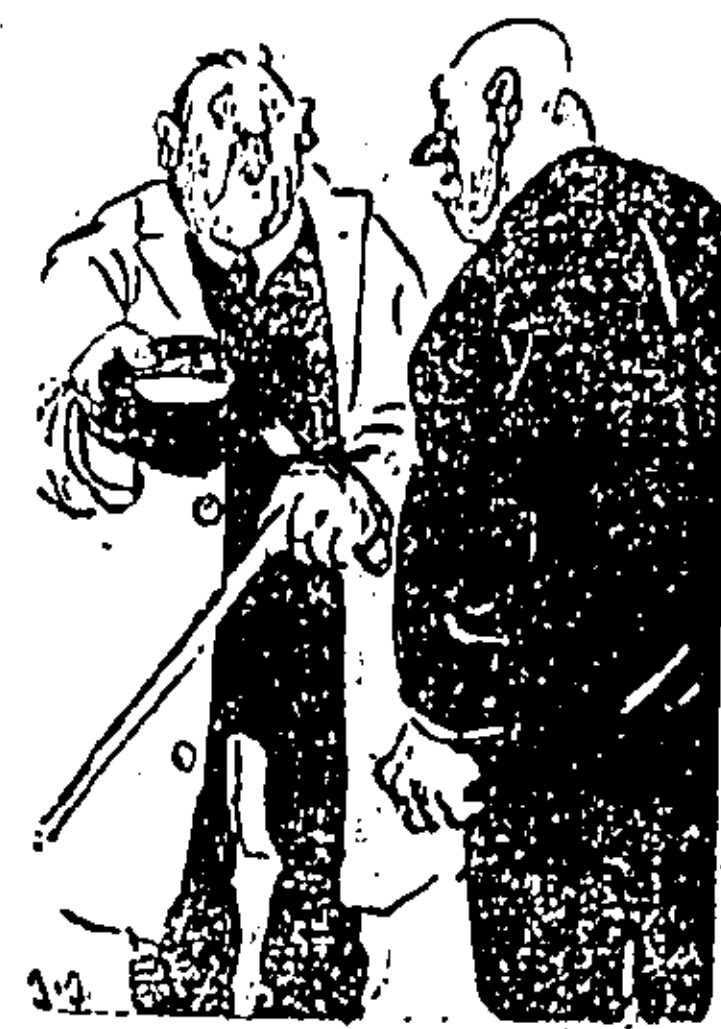
Wild Scenes.
Bombay, Yesterday.
This morning at the Congress building, which the Government of Bombay seized in October and has now restored in pursuance of the Irwin-Gandhi agreement.

Two hundred Congress volunteers, mostly armed with lathis, took possession of the building last night and ran up a red flag. They lay down in front of the building and prevented the members of a procession who arrived this morning for the formal opening of the building from entering, until they received an assurance that their grievances would be immediately considered.

Half an hour after the opening, however, malcontents re-appeared and bombarded the Congress building with stones, and, armed with lathis, attacked the "loyal" volunteers, a score of whom were slightly injured. The Police were called out, but Mr. Nariman, the President of the Bombay Congress, pacified the aggressors by promising satisfaction of their claims.—*Reuter.*

1917 Proclamation.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Opening the Indian debate in the House of Commons this afternoon the Conservative Lead-



Nervy: "If the operation is dangerous and it was your own wife, would you recommend it?"
Henpecked Doc: "Dash it all, I'd insist on it!"
Smith's Weekly, Sydney.

er, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, recalled the terms of the 1917 Proclamation, reminding members of his Party that it recognised that the Empire was a living organism. It was in constant process of evolution. The process was being speeded up and few would have foreseen even a few years ago to what point it would have brought the relations of the great Dominions with the Mother Country. It could not be supposed that in this world of evolution India alone was static.

He declared that the Conservative Party stood exactly where it did on January 26, when a statement which not yet been challenged was made by Lord Peel. It stood exactly where it stood in the speech he delivered last week at Newton Abbott, in the course of which he said: "Our main objective is clear, namely, the objective of an All-India Federation. But when we have stated our objective we must not forget that many grave difficulties have to be surmounted before we can attain it." He had then added that what they had at present was only framework. The details were not filled in and many of them would present serious difficulties. Apart from the pledge of the honest attempt to confront these difficulties, and thus to carry on the work of the Conference, the Conservative Party was not committed.

Referring to what had appeared in the Press within the last 48 hours, he said that there had been a great deal of excitement about nothing. It was perfectly obvious that after the conclusion of the Conference the Government must decide the next steps for continuing its work. It was a simple matter of procedure. The Government had doubtless considered divers courses of action.

There always had been and there still was genuine anxiety among many of his supporters as to whether at this moment the delegates who had been at the London Conference were going to India. He felt it only fair to relieve them of that anxiety and to acquaint them with his opinion. When he was asked on Monday if he had any objection to an authentic statement going out after that decision had been come to he felt he would much rather that no statement were made. These conversations were private but he noticed there was some communication between that committee of his Party and a hostile section of the Press and he preferred that any action he took should come out authenticated by himself. He knew the result might be unfortunate in its reactions in India; he believed, however, that what had been said since and during the present debate might help to remove those misunderstandings.

Tribute to Viceroy.
Proceeding, he expressed the confident hope that the Government would not think of effecting any major changes in the existing constitution whilst all these great questions discussed at the Conference were still in process of negotiation. Referring to the conversations between the Viceroy and Gandhi, he deprecated the use of such words as "Victory and Surrender." Such conclusion of the conversations as had been reached could not have been reached in the circumstances by any other Briton than Lord Irwin. It was a great tribute to his character—character which had given him prestige in India that nothing else could have afforded him. They could not judge the ultimate effect yet. Extremism in India or at Home died slowly, but whatever happened the settlement had definitely enlarged the area of goodwill and of co-operation.

The question of a constitutional Government of India was by far the most important and most difficult Imperial question we had ever had to face. More important even than party unity was the unity of all Parties on this subject. He was firmly convinced that writings such as appeared in the Daily Mail would do more to lose India for the Empire than anything else. The ultimate goal depended not on force, but on goodwill, sympathy, and understanding between India and the Government of Great Britain, and the great work of Lord Irwin was that he had after many years of suspicion bridged the gulf by ability and character.

He did not believe that the bulk of the party in the Commons or the country took a different view from that expressed by Lord Peel and by himself at Newton Abbott. So long as he was there he would carry out that policy in no ingenuously spirit.

Gandhi's Policy.
The Secretary for India, Mr. Wedgwood-Benn, said that Baldwin's words would be received with relief and delight in India. After paying tributes to public officials, particularly to the police and to the patriotism of the Indian delegates to the Round Table Conference, he said that these delegates had returned convinced of the good faith of the British Parliament and so were able to explain the work of the Conference to their countrymen. As a result the area of co-operation was extended.

It was understood that Gandhi's policy was to substitute co-operation for non-co-operation and he had said that he would strain every term to make this provision at settlement permanent.

The result of the conversations had been received with universal approval in India and had resulted in a marked improvement in trade. The atmosphere created was one in which it would be very much easier to have baffled them. It was the earnest desire of the Government to continue with the least possible interruption the constitutional discussions of the Round Table Conference.

There were important practical difficulties in the way of sending a Parliamentary Delegation to India and there was much preliminary work which Indians themselves must undertake in particular issues left open by the minorities Sub-Committee. The Government regarded this work in India as of the greatest importance. They would seek the co-operation of leaders of every Party in re-establishing contact with the Indian side of the Conference.—*British Wireless Service.*

Hinks: "It is pitiable to see so man weak-willed men about. I believe in being master in my own house."
Binks: "Quite so! How long is she being away?"

DEATH DURING FILM DEATH DRAMA.

Cinema Manager Killed in Sound-Proof Room.

POLICE BAFFLED.

Berlin, Jan. 21.
Three thousand Berliners in the great Mercedes Film Palace were at ten o'clock last night watching in spell-bound excitement a murder drama being enacted on the screen, while at the same time, not thirty yards away from them, in a small room in the same building, the manager of the theatre was being murdered by a mysterious assailant.

The detectives of the Berlin police to-day pronounce his death to be the most baffling murder mystery in Berlin during the last few years.

At 10.15, last night Hans Schmoller, the forty-nine-year-old manager of the theatre, was discovered by a programme seller sitting dead at his desk in his sound-proof room. A thin trickle of blood stained his collar. He had been shot in the throat.

Safe Rifled.
The police, who were immediately summoned, found that the safe had been rifled and the entire takings of the evening had been stolen.

Nobody had heard the shot. This fact, however, could be accounted for by the sound-proof walls of the office.

The police, although they remained on the premises throughout the night examining the entire staff, discovered practically no clue to the murderer's identity.

Commissioner Muller, however, the chief of the ten detectives in charge of the inquiry, has already formed a clear theory of the crime.

"The murderer," he said, "must have been acquainted intimately with the habits of the murdered man, who overnight, between 9.30 and 10.15 p.m., counted the box-office receipts."

"Only a person who had worked in the building could possibly have found his way about without asking for directions. I would defy any other person to find his way through the labyrinth of passages behind the stage leading to the manager's office."

"I see the murder like this: At about ten o'clock the murderer opened the door leading to the sound-proof office, closed it behind him, opened the inner door, and entered."

Two Shots.
"The manager must have known him well. I surmise this from the comfortable and informal attitude in which he reclines in his chair. There is not the slightest sign of any movement of surprise on his part at the entrance of the murderer."

"I can imagine him making some such remark to the murderer as, 'Now, my dear fellow, what can I do for you?' just as the murderer levelled his revolver and fired point-blank."

"The murderer seems to have been trembling violently with excitement as, still clutching his revolver in one hand, he gathered together the notes lying on the table and added them to a bag full of silver which he took from the safe. His hand was shaking so badly that, without meaning to do so, he pulled the trigger a second time and fired a shot into the steel-coated outer door through which he had come."

"Beside himself with fright, he then rushed out of the door, down the stairs, and through the wings of the stage to the street."

Three people claim to have seen a man who may have been the murderer, but as the description in each case is a different one, the police do not as yet attach much importance to these clues.

The organist of the cinema declares that he saw a man dressed in a long black cloak hurry across the stage. He recognised him, he says, as an artist formerly employed at the theatre.

DEAN'S NIGHT VIGIL.
PSALM AT BEDSIDE OF DYING WIFE.

"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. Yea, though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I will fear no evil."
"For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."
Psalm 23.

Manchester.
Dr. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Manchester, standing alone beside his dying wife, repeated the whole of the twenty-third Psalm just before she died in the early hours of the morning.

The household staff were asleep, and the dean, out of consideration for their comfort, did not rouse them to tell them the news until daybreak. Instead, he called his wife's sister, Mrs. Maddocks, to the bedside, and then he himself left the Deanery to notify the doctor.

The dean has himself acted as

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.
To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.
To-night—Dinner Dances at Hon Kong Hotel and Hotel Cecil.
To-night—S.P.C.A. Carnival, Peninsula Hotel.
March 17—St. Patrick's Society's Ball, Peninsula Hotel.
March 20—Yorkshire Society's Dinner.

Entertainments.
To-day—Queen's Theatre.
"So This Is London."
To-day—Central Theatre.
"Hit The Deck."
To-day—Majestic Theatre.
"Little Accident."
To-day—Star Theatre.
"It."

To-day—World Theatre.
"When a Brother Sacrifices" (Chinese picture).
To-day—"Art & Mrs. Bottle" by A.D.C., Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
To-day—Concert, Helena May Institute, Kowloon.

Sports.
See Diary on page 8.
Meetings.

March 16—A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

March 18—Green Island Cement Co., Exchange Building, 11.30 a.m.

March 18—Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

March 20—Hong Kong Automobile Association, Jardine Matheson Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

March 30—Society of St. George, Jardine Matheson's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

Home Mails.
To-day—Inward from Europe via Suez (Karmala); from Europe via Siberia (Khyber); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Karmala), 6 p.m.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Saarland); Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Khyber), 10.30 a.m.

Lammer's Auction.
March 18—At 8, Peak Mansion, household furniture, 10.50 a.m.

Miscellaneous.
March 23—St. Joseph's College prize distribution, 5 p.m.

night nurse to his wife since it was known that her death must soon take place, and he elected to stay up alone with her during her last night.

Mrs. Johnson had been unconscious for some days. She had known for a long time that she could never recover, and about a fortnight before her death she sent for the Deanery servants and bade them "Good-bye."

She faced death with remarkable courage and remained calm and tranquil to the end.
Manchester's poor boys and girls have lost a kind and well-beloved friend.

MOMENTOUS STEP IN CHURCH REUNION.

Decision of Patriarch Who Faced Death.

LETTER TO PRIMATE.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has received an historic document from His All Holiness Meletios II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria, setting forth the decision of the Holy Synod of the Metropolitans of the Apostolic and Patriarchal Throne, of Alexandria to recognise the validity of Anglican orders, held to be invalid by the Roman Catholic Church.

The statement withdraws its precautionary negative to the acceptance of the validity of Anglican ordinations, and pronounces that if Anglican clergy should join the Orthodox Church they would not be re-ordained.

Such a remarkable step towards reunion has come about through the Lambeth declarations, which have satisfied the Holy Synod in regard to the teaching of the Anglican Church in the matter of Apostolic Succession, "a real reception of the Lords Body and Blood," and as to the sacrificial aspect of the Holy Communion, and the sacramental character of ordination.

"We rejoice," says the Patriarch, "to see the middle wall of partition being thrown down more and more, and we congratulate your Beatitude that under God you have had the felicity of taking the initiative in furthering that work."

Meletios II. was Archbishop of Athens during the premiership of Venizelos. Throughout the war he was a devoted friend of Great Britain and her Allies, and always an advocate of close relations between the Orthodox and Anglican Communities.

He was elected to the Oecumenical Throne of Constantinople after the Synod at Phanar

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONG KONG.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, March 30, 1931, at 5.30 p.m. for the following purpose:—

(a) To receive the Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts for the past year.
(b) To elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.
(c) To consider the manner in which St. George's Day shall be celebrated.
(d) To transact any other business of which due notice has been given.

All Members are requested to attend.

P. S. CASSIDY,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, March 12, 1931.

DON'T FORGET S.P.C.A. BALL TO-NIGHT

AT PENINSULA HOTEL.

POLICE INTERFORCE SPORTS.

FOOTBALL SHANGHAI POLICE

versus SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC

SUNDAY, March 15th

AT CAROLINE HILL GROUND KICK OFF 4 P.M.

Admission to Covered Stand \$1.10 including tax.

had been freed from Turkish interference. After the horror of the massacres of Orthodox bishops and people in Smyrna and by the Black Sea he was urged to leave Stambul rather than suffer similar fate on the return of the Turks. He resolutely refused to leave his people.

Twice he was brutally assaulted in Phanar, and once carried away by marauding and hostile bands of Turks, but it was not until his own Synod begged him to withdraw for the peace of the Church that he went on board the British gunboat Golden Horn, and was taken in safety to Greece.

Britain's Friend.
There he lived outside Athens in a cottage, a magnificent figure in retirement, until, on the death of Phyllis, the Synod of Alexandria elected him despite the efforts of Anglophobe enemies, and he reigned now over the Orthodox of Africa, still, as ever, the stalwart friend of Britain.

He visited Britain last year to attend the Anglo-Catholic Congress and the Lambeth Conference, going upon his arrival to the shrine of King Edward the Confessor in Westminster Abbey to bless this country.

The decision of the Synod is likely to have important results in the cause of reunion between the East and Canterbury, and creates a profoundly interesting problem as to which is right, the Eastern Churches or the Church of Rome, in the question of the catholicity of the Anglican Church.

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TO-MORROW'S CUP TIES AND LEAGUE GAMES.

[Exclusive to China Mail—By "Lineum."]]

The following is a list of Home football matches to-morrow. The teams in black type may win; where no black type is shown the match may result in a draw:

ENGLISH CUP.

Semi-Final Ties.
West Bromwich v. EVERTON
Birmingham v. Sunderland

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.
Aston Villa v. Arsenal
Bolton v. SHEFFIELD U.
Chelsea v. Blackburn
Huddersfield v. Portsmouth
LIVERPOOL v. Derby
MANCHESTER U. v. Leicester C.
Nottm Forest v. Manchester C.
NEWCASTLE v. Blackpool
WEDNESDAY v. Leeds U.

Division II.
BRADFORD v. Bury
Burnley v. Barnsley
MILLWALL v. Swindon
Notts F. v. PORT VALE
Preston v. CHARLTON
READING v. Cardiff C.
SHAMPTON v. Bristol C.
STOKE v. Plymouth
Tottenham v. Bradford C.

Division III.—South.
BRENTFORD v. Norwich
Brighton v. NOTTS CO.
Bristol R. v. FULHAM
Crystal Palace v. Queen's P.R.
EXETER v. Watford
Gillingham v. Bournemouth
LUTON v. Wigan
Newport v. SWINDON
NHAMPTON v. Thames
SOUTHEND v. Walsall
TORQUAY v. Clapton O.

Division III.—North.
Accrington v. Doncaster
Barrow v. Stockport
CARLISLE v. Nelson
CHESTERFIELD v. New Brighton
Crewe v. LINCOLN
Rochdale v. Hull C.
SOUTHPORT v. HALIFAX
SOUTHEND v. Gateshead
TRANMERE v. Wigan
WREXHAM v. Hartlepool
York C. v. Darlington

SCOTTISH CUP.

Semi-Final Ties.
Kilmarnock v. Celtic
MOTHERWELL v. St. Mirren
Airdrie v. PARTICK
CLYDE v. Hibernians
DUNDEE v. Ayr U.
MORON v. East Fife
Queen's Park v. Hamilton
RANGERS v. Falkirk

TO-MORROW'S SNIPS.

Neutral Ground.
Everton.
Matherwell.
Home.
Newcastle United.
Bradford.
Millwall.
Stoke.
Brentford.
Exeter.
Northampton.
Southend.
Chesterfield.
West Ham.
Dundee.
Rangers.
Port Vale.
Notts County.
Fulham.
Birmingham.
Swindon.
Lincoln.

BILLIARD PLAYER HAS ANXIOUS TIME.

McConachy's Wife in Danger Zone.

London, Feb. 5. McConachy, the New Zealand billiard player, who is at present engaged in a match with Davis, in Dublin, yesterday told a reporter that he and Mrs. McConachy are very worried about their families, who are in the district in which the earthquake occurred. "We have two boys at school at Clive, near Napier, and Mrs. McConachy's father's business is in a building right under the shadow of a huge chimney stack. If that collapsed on the building anything might have happened. I have cabled twice to friends in New Zealand but I have received no reply. I presume the cable wires are out of order."

LAWN TENNIS.

RESULTS IN H.K.C.C. ANNUAL TOURNAMENT.

The following were the results of yesterday's matches in the Hong Kong Cricket Club's annual Lawn Tennis Championships—
Open Singles.
E. F. Fletcher beat E. Zimmerman 6-2, 6-1.
Open Doubles.
M. K. and M. W. Lo beat Luk Ding-cheung and Luk Kang-cheung 6-2, 6-1.
Ho Kai-lau and Yew Man-kit beat F. H. Kwok and H. N. Chan 6-1, 6-2.
W. C. Hung and Chu Chun-chie beat J. C. P. and A. Tufan 6-1, 6-2.
Club Championship.
H. Owen Hughes beat C. E. E. 6-2, 6-1.

Sport Columns

SHANGHAI POLICE VICTORS.

Accident to Clarke Spoils Game.

PLUCK AGAINST SKILL.

Shanghai Police beat the Hong Kong Police by three goals to one yesterday. The game was frankly a poor exhibition of football, probably due to the fact that Clarke, the home goal keeper, was hurt in the first two minutes, and had to leave the field. This seemed to upset the Hong Kong side, who made the great mistake of going on the defensive right away, instead of adopting the one-back game. Shepherd, who deputised for Clarke in the Hong Kong goal, cannot be blamed for the defeat. He did the best he could in a very difficult situation. Clarke would no doubt have saved the two goals in the second half, but, on the other hand, Shanghai were obviously the superior team, and one thinks would have won in any case.

The teams were as follows:—
Hong Kong: Clarke; Perkins and Brittain; Thorpe, Minty and Shepherd; T. Pile, Cornwall, Fraser, Oram and Brown.
Shanghai: Bradley; McPhee and Scott; Westwood, Gash and Hurry; Oakley, Jack, S. Wilkinson, Turner and K. Wilkinson.
Referee: Mr. W. E. Hollands.
Linesmen: Mr. J. W. Baldwin and Art. Bombr. Brown.

Oram's Great Game.

"Jock" Oram played the game of his life for Hong Kong. He started as inside left, but after Clarke's injury gave himself a roving commission. He was always in the thick of the fray, sometimes as a forward, at other times as a half, and, when danger threatened, as an extra back. He was ably assisted by Brittain, who played a very steady game throughout. "Pill" Perkins, Brittain's partner, although a bit unorthodox, managed, in conjunction with Thorpe, to hold up Shanghai's ever-threatening left wing.

It would not be fair to criticise the Hong Kong forwards. All praise is due to them for holding their own in the first half. In the second half they made a few spasmodic dashes, but the lack of an inside man was clearly apparent.

Wilkinson the Opportunist.

Shanghai can play better than they did yesterday. They, too, made a mistake in concentrating on Wilkinson, the left winger. He was too closely marked for most of the game to do very much damage. Toward the end, after experimenting as centre forward, he put in one or two flashy runs. He is an opportunist, and actually won the match for his side. Shanghai went into the lead through his beautifully placed corner kick in the second half. He took the kick with his right foot, and the ball swerved into the net. The third goal also came from his corner kick. He dropped the ball right on to the head of S. Wilkinson, the centre forward, who "nodded" it on to Oakley, the outside right, who headed through. Shepherd touched the ball, but could not prevent it going in.

Gash in Form.

The outstanding players on the Hong Kong side were Oram, Brittain, and Thorpe. Stanley Gash, for Shanghai, played his usual cool-headed game, playing his forwards with clever passes, and keeping Hong Kong's depleted front line in subjection. Hurry, the captain, had the measure of Tom Pile and Cornwall. When presented with the cup by Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe after the match, he congratulated the Hong Kong side on their display, after losing their goalkeeper, who, as he said, was the most difficult man to replace. Sportmanship of this kind will keep the game flourishing.

Turner A Schemer.

Turner was the schemer of the visiting team. He missed a penalty, awarded against Perkins for a foul on R. Wilkinson, but made amends later, by jumping over the same player, who had slipped, to put a deliberate shot past Shepherd. This made the scores level, Hong Kong having scored the first goal of the match by a penalty taken by Tom Pile, which the referee awarded for a clear case of "hands" against McPhee.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe was present at the match, together with Mr. Cogan, A. S. P. Shanghai.

TO-MORROW'S LEAGUE.

K.F.C. v. ARGYLLS—At 1.30 p.m.
K.F.C. v. Penny, Martin, Downman, Hedley, McKelvie, Bliss; Pils, Wild-

RESULTS IN RUGBY LEAGUE CUP.

Draw for Third Round Is Made.

TEAM ON STRIKE.

London, Feb. 21. The matches played in the second round of the Rugby League Cup to-day resulted as follows:—
Bramley 0 Upham 11
Castleford 2 St. Helen's 8
Wigan H. 13 Hunslet 12
Warrington 9 St. Helen's R. 0
Salford 9 Lees 0
York 13 Huddersfield 2
Rochdale 7 Broughton 15
Swinton 0 Halifax 3

London, Feb. 23. The following is the draw for the Rugby League Cup, third round, to be played on March 7:—
Wigan H. v. Warrington
Broughton R. v. St. Helen's
Halifax v. Oldham

London, Feb. 21. The matches played under Rugby League rules to-day resulted as follows:—
Leigh 8 Bradford 0
Wigan 45 Featherstone 0

The majority of the members of the Leigh team struck on Thursday night, refusing to accept lower wages.

To-day's team was composed mainly of reserves.

GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club notify the following starting times for Fanning for Sunday:—

9.12 a.m. C. W. Jeffries, C. B. Riggs.
9.20 " Not to be booked by travellers on train.
9.24 " J. D. Danby, J. Thayer.
9.24 " E. dea Voeux, N. K. Littlejohn.
9.28 " C. H. M. Andrew, R. C. Law.
9.32 " W. J. Waddington, W. G. Limer.
9.38 " C. H. Burton, M. St. J. Walsh.
9.40 " J. Harrop, T. J. Price.
9.44 " C. Bulmer-Johnson, A. H. Ferguson.
9.48 " E. P. Fletcher, H. T. Buxton.
9.52 " W. N. A. Smalley, H. Hampton.
9.56 " L. A. R. Duncan, G. Thomerson.
10.00 " J. Morgan, G. W. Reeve.
10.04 " A. Sommerfeldt, B. D. Evans.
10.08 " C. B. Brown, L. Yates.
10.12 " N. S. Ellis, T. Linders.
10.16 " A. N. Macfadyen, Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
10.20 " G. Castle, W. Paterson.
10.24 " A. W. Hay Edie, C. C. Black.
10.28 " C. Mycock, J. S. Dykes.
10.32 " J. P. Sherry, W. A. Cornell.
10.36 " A. D. Humphreys, R. Young.
10.40 " R. S. W. Paterson, J. W. Pope.
10.44 " J. Forbes, P. S. Grant.
10.48 " F. A. Redmond, J. Stuart.
10.52 " A. J. R. Wolfe, H. P. Bailey.
10.56 " C. B. Maturin, J. B. Lanyon.
11.00 " A. C. I. Bowker, J. R. Hinton.
11.04 " E. J. Dowley, J. J. French.
11.08 " M. Nicholson, J. A. R. Selby.
11.12 " R. K. Hepburn, C. W. Sewell.
11.16 " D. Forbes, A. Ritchie.
11.20 " R. E. Atwell, G. T. May.
11.24 " E. Grimble, P. Todd.
11.28 " G. F. Holo, M. Barton.
11.32 " P. F. le Fevre, K. K. Rounds.
11.36 " E. H. Williams, S. G. Feltham.
11.40 " J. Gilmore, D. S. Robb.
11.44 " G. E. Mitchell, E. G. Price.
11.48 " A. O. Brown, E. L. Hoole.
11.52 " A. Leach, H. U. Ireland.
11.56 " W. C. Shields, O. Eager.
12 Noon W. D. Harris, H. R. Campbell.
12.04 p.m. A. B. Purves, J. G. Campbell.
12.08 " W. H. Vallance, L. R. Andrews.
12.12 " R. H. Wild, H. Spicer.
12.16 " H. Lowe, R. H. Ball.
12.20 " D. J. Kog, J. Jones.
12.24 " T. Ramsay, G. H. Wilson.
12.28 " O. E. C. Marton, R. G. Edwards-Jones.
12.32 " W. W. Mackenzie, G. G. Johnson.
12.36 " Ladies' Championship Final.

INTERPORT POLICE SPORTS.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

To-day—Golf at Fanning.
Billiards at 3.30 p.m.
To-morrow—Not yet arranged.
Sunday—Shanghai Police v. South China Football match at Caroline Hill at 4 p.m.
Monday—Ride & Bicycle Shoot-off on Yalkoo, Ride, Range.
Interport Dinner in the Police Recreation Club at 8 p.m.
Tuesday—St. Patrick's Ball in Peninsula Hotel at 9 p.m.
Wednesday—Leave for Shanghai.

St. Andrews' v. H.K.L.C.—At Bookpoo at 3.30 p.m.
St. Andrews'—A. Hynes, I. Rogers, P. Woolley, I. Gittins, M. White, J. Woolley, F. Wong, P. Gittins, M. Woolley, N. Field, and E. Landolt.
H.K.L.C.—J. Smalley, E. Gray, E. V. Franklin, E. O'Hagan, A. Owen-Burghes, M. L. Wallace, E. Bell, N. McNeillie, E. M. Donegan, C. Ferguson, and M. Bishop.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

LAWN TENNIS—To-day—H.K.C.C. Tournament.
FOOTBALL—To-morrow—First Division—Police R.C. v. Chinese Athletic; Royal Artillery v. Kowloon F.C.; H.K.F.C. v. Navy; Borderers v. Club de Recreo; South China A.A. v. Argyle.
Sunday—South China A.A. v. Shanghai Police, Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.

March 21—Shield Matches.
April 18—Sunday Herald Charity Cup Final—Scotland v. China.

GOLF—To-day—Final of Captain's Cup (Ladies), Fanning; Hong Kong Police v. Shanghai Police, Fanning.

Sunday—Ladies' Championship Final, Old Course, Fanning.
Monday—Garrison Officers' Annual Meeting, Fanning.

Tuesday—Ladies' Section Prize Distribution, Fanning; Final of Ross Cup (Ladies); Garrison Officers' Annual Meeting, Fanning.

BILLIARDS—To-day—Hong Kong Police v. Shanghai Police, South China A.A. Rooms, 8.30 p.m.

HOCKEY—To-morrow—Caer Clark Cup—St. Andrews' Club v. Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club; Club de Recreo v. Diocesan Girls' School.

Friday—Caer Clark Cup—Kowloon Ladies' Hockey Club v. Diocesan Girls' School.

RACING—To-morrow—First Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

March 22—Fanning Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

ATHLETICS—To-morrow and Monday—Hong Kong v. Canton Universities, Caroline Hill, 1.30 p.m.

CRICKET—To-morrow—Division I.—Indian R.C. v. Civil Service C.C. (F.); Division II.—University v. Club de Recreo (L.); Kowloon C.C. v. Police R.C. (L.); Royal Engineers v. Hong Kong C.C. (L.); Civil Service C.C. v. Indian R.C. (F.); Craigengower C.C. v. R.A.S.C. (F.).

FENCING—Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 5.15 p.m.

March 21—Tournament, Yacht Club, 3.30 p.m.

RIFLE & PISTOL SHOOTING—Monday—Hong Kong Police v. Shanghai Police, Fanning.

CHESS—Tuesday—Entries close for Colony's Championship.

LAWN BOWLS—Friday—Kowloon Bowling Green Club—Annual Meeting, 5.45 p.m.

March 23—Law. Bowls Association Annual Meeting.

HOME.

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—English Cup—Semi-Final; Scottish Cup—Semi-Final; Army Cup—Semi-Final.

March 18—Army v. The Rest, Woolwich.

March 21—England v. Scotland, (Amateurs), Chelsea.

March 28—Scotland v. England, Glasgow.

April 25—English Cup Final.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—To-morrow—Inland v. Wales, Belfast.

March 18—Rugby League—England v. Wales, Huddersfield.

March 21—Scotland v. England, Murrayfield, Edinburgh.

April 6—France v. England, Paris.

HOCKEY—To-morrow—England v. Wales.

March 28—Scotland v. England, Perth.

GOLF—March 24 and 25—Oxford v. Cambridge, Sandwich.

ROWING—March 21—Oxford v. Cambridge.

RACING—March 25—Lincolnshire Handicap.

March 26—Liverpool Spring Cup.

March 27—Grand National Steeplechase.

BOXING—March 25—A.B.A. Championships, Albert Hall.

ATHLETIC MEETING ON SATURDAY

Visitors Arrive for the Inter-Varsity Events.

The Lingnam University athletic team consisting of 27 men and 15 ladies arrived yesterday afternoon's boat. The Sun Yat-sen team consisting of 23 men arrived by the same afternoon's train. They were met by the Committee of the Hong Kong University Athletic Club on their arrival and will be entertained by the members of the Hong Kong University Union in their respective hostels during their stay here. The following is the programme for the Sports:—

1st Day—Saturday.

100 Metres, 800 Metres, Pole Vault, 200 Metres, 50 Metres (girls), Long Jump, 800 Metres (Open to Colony), Shot-Put, 110 M High Hurdles, 400 Metres, Interval, Shot Put (Ladies), 1,600 Open Relay, Discus Throw, 100 M (Ladies), 400 M Relay.

2nd Day—Monday.

1,600 M Relay, Long Jump (Ladies), 200 M Low Hurdles, Javelin (10,000), School Boys Relay, Hop-Step & Jump, Interval, High Jump, School Girl Relay, 200 M Girl Relay, 800 M Relay.

CAER CLARK CUP TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

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H.K.L.C.—J. Smalley, E. Gray, E. V. Franklin, E. O'Hagan, A. Owen-Burghes, M. L. Wallace, E. Bell, N. McNeillie, E. M. Donegan, C. Ferguson, and M. Bishop.

A BOY—A WATCH—AND THE ARSENAL.

Riddles to Be Solved in Player Puzzle.

DELICATE MACHINERY.

[By Roland F. Allen.]

Arsenal remind me of the boy who took his watch to pieces to find why it worked so smoothly. You will remember that he got most of the parts back, but had a few left over. He was surprised—as boys are in such circumstances—to discover that the smoothness had departed, that the watch went only when he did.

With the patient ingenuity which boys display when trouble is impending, he again broke up the timepiece, laboriously and hopefully reconstructed it, got the surplus parts back again—but found that others were now out of place. He was puzzled.

So, I imagine, are the people at Highbury, who appear to be trying to decide which is the best way in which to arrange the pieces in their player-puzzle without leaving out some which are essential.

Bewildering Cycle. It is a bit of a riddle. If Brain is in Lambert is out; if Jones plays Seddon must watch; if David Jack leads the forwards I cannot help wondering whether he is a better inside right. Which, moving around this bewildering cycle, brings me again to the puzzled contemplation of Brain left over. It seems that from whatever angle this riddle is regarded one arrives back to the unenviable position of the boy who looked at the little pile he had not placed and could not escape the worrying conviction that there were pieces on the table which ought to be among the works.

I never felt violently critical towards that boy. He must have got a lot of quiet fun out of it—but he was always working in the shadow of possible and painful consequences.

In Favour of Either. It is in very much the same uncritical frame of mind that I approach the riddle of the Arsenal. The solution is not clear cut. There is definite evidence in favour of either of their two or three arrangements of the working parts of that football machine.

David Jack, it seems to me, is the key to this jigsaw business. I prefer him at centre-forward because he is a master of the constructive side of the game, and because, when he is leading the attack, his genius is not cramped by hanging back and doing the work which ought to be done by the wing-half-back.

Even Alex James! And when Jack is leading the line the Arsenal become definitely an attacking side. Even those wing half-backs come forward and menace the opposing defence. Even Alex James crowns his exquisite scheming by shooting a goal!

It has been said that Arsenal have been covering a defensive weakness by the brilliance of their attack. I cannot see it. When there has been weakness it has, to my mind, been a question of tactics.

I have never liked the "W" formation, whether it has been adopted by the Arsenal or any other side. It assumes that half-backs are purely defenders. The Arsenal wing-halves seem to me to have realised that this is a false, even a dangerous assumption. I should like to see Roberts reach the same conclusion.

Beware! There have, I believe, been thoughts of juggling with the defensive section of the Highbury machine. Possibly reasons exist of which I am not aware which would justify this. But if I felt that temptation I should look carefully first of all at the possible alternatives. I cannot work them out, writes Roland F. Allen in the Evening Standard.

The Arsenal will win the championship if they find the best arrangement of their violently contrasted mixture of works and spare parts. They have this advantage over the boy with the watch; they, with apparently essential parts left out can get the machine working smoothly.

But, like the boy, they may, if they attempt too often to pull the machine to pieces and rebuild it, find that in the shadow of the trouble they are risking, they have missed the substance for which they are striving.

That would be a pity: as the boy realised, too late.

This basis of perfection in lawn tennis, then, must be our clubs, right down to those unaffiliated collections of young men and maidens whose gambols are so frequently interrupted by the need of hunting for outworn tennis balls in an inadequately-netted hedge—S. Bruce Harris.

Watch the simple shots if you want to win. That is my advice to amateurs, because I know how badly many of them need it—Walter Lindrup.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 13.	
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Shanghai and Swatow	Sui Yang
SUNDAY, MARCH 15.	
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Shanghai and Amoy	Tjibadak
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SATURDAY, MARCH 21.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Feb. 20)	President Garfield
MONDAY, MARCH 23.	
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FRIDAY, MARCH 13.	
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Registration Mar. 14, 9 a.m.	Registration Mar. 14, 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.	Letters 10.30 a.m.
SATURDAY, MARCH 14.	
Holhow, Pakhoi and Halphong	King Yuan 10 a.m.
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Amoy	Tai Yuan 10.30 a.m.
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Amoy	An Shun 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, MARCH 15.	
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangchow 9 a.m.
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MONDAY, MARCH 16.	
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.	President Madison
	(Due Victoria, B.C., Apr. 3.)
Parcels Mar. 16, 5 p.m.	Parcels Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
Registration Mar. 17, 1 p.m.	Registration Mar. 17, 1.45 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.	Letters 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	President Madison
	Registration Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
	Letters 6 p.m.
Amoy	Kut Sang 5 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 17.	
Manila and Sourabaya	Tjibadak 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching 1 p.m.
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, *India, *Mauritius, *E. & S. Africa, Aden, *Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles	Athos (Due Marseilles, Apr. 17.)
	G.P.O.
Registration Mar. 17, 1 p.m.	Registration Mar. 17, 1.45 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.	Letters 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Antenor (Due Marseilles April 15)
	G.P.O.
Registration Mar. 17, 1 p.m.	Registration Mar. 17, 1.45 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.	Letters 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via Vancouver, B.C.	Empress of Russia (Due Vancouver, B.C., Apr. 4 and *Europe via Siberia.)
	Parcels Mar. 17, 5 p.m.
	Registration Mar. 17, 9.15 a.m.
	Letters 10 a.m.
*Shanghai, *Japan, Honolulu and *San Francisco	Tatsuta Maru (Due San Francisco, Apr. 8.)
	Registration Mar. 17, 5 p.m.
	Letters Mar. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Wai Shing 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18.	
Japan	Kamo Maru 9.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Hin Sang 10 a.m.
Japan	Terukuni Maru 5 p.m.
Shanghai & *Europe via Siberia	Terukuni Maru
	Registration Mar. 18, 5 p.m.
	Letters 6 p.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 20.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining 2 p.m.
SUNDAY, MARCH 22.	
Manila	Shinyo Maru 9 a.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

CAT SAVE CHILDREN.

"MISTLETOE BOUGH" FATE
NARROWLY AVERTED.

Florence.

Two little girls in Parma have just been barely saved from death. They were neighbours in an apartment house, and neither of them was over six years of age.

They went to play with a cat in the attic of the building. Here they found a wooden chest which closed with a spring lock. They opened it and sat down in it. The heavy lid fell, closing the box so tightly that the children could not open it.

They called and cried, but no one heard them, and they became unconscious from fright and lack of air.

Meanwhile their absence was causing great anxiety, and the desperate parents searched in all directions, at the same time calling on the police for help as it was feared that the little girls had been kidnapped.

After eighteen hours the cries of the cat were heard coming from the chest and it was opened. A doctor was summoned and the children were restored.

It was found that there were small cracks in the wood of the chest, and but for these the children would have been suffocated.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

Elaborate Scheme Propounded
In France.

Not content with advocating prenuptial medical examinations, the Academy of Medicine at Paris has now come out wholeheartedly for a series of head-to-foot physical examinations from the moment a child enters the cradle until, wasted with age, he is placed in his grave.

The life span of every French child would be divided into definite periods, the beginning of each being marked by a thorough medical examination by Government appointed doctors.

The first examination would be made at birth, the child's physical defects and characteristics being carefully recorded. The second would be taken when the child entered a primary school, and the third when the child entered the stage of adolescence.

Military Service.

The next examination would be required when the young men presented themselves for military service. The girls would not, of course, undergo this examination, but would await their marriage when a clean bill of health would be required for the marriage certificate.

The man, also, would need a prenuptial certificate.

After marriage, M. Georges Schreiber told the Academy, all the people of France should be examined periodically, perhaps every three years. The Academics agreed that such a system would prolong the lives of French people and make them more efficient in their labours, whether manual or intellectual.

The Academy has several times tried to get the Chamber of Deputies to pass a law making prenuptial medical examinations necessary before a marriage licence is granted. So far its efforts have been in vain.

It is not expected that they will push this new scheme of examinations until the first is put into effect. The Academy has also sponsored physical and mental examinations for all applicants for driving licences.

"MOST LOVING OF ALL."

Dean's Tribute to Wife in His Will.

Dean William Williams, of the Deanery, St. David's, Pembroke, an eloquent preacher in both the English and Welsh languages, who died on November 8, 1930, aged eighty-two, left the whole of his £1,828 estate to his wife.

His will reads:—

I give and bequeath all that I possess at the time of my decease to my wife Anne (or Annie) Williams, the best, most loving and

RUNAWAY TUSKER.

CAPTURED & MARCHED HOME
AFTER LONG CHASE.

Kandy, Jan. 31.

The runaway Maligawa tusker was brought to heel this afternoon at Lankatilake, near the famous temple of that name, four miles from where the beast was last seen yesterday, after it had led its pursuers a wild dance.

When they failed to capture the animal last evening at the Experiment Station, Gangeruwa, the men left it alone and squatted for the night with a line of fires barring the beast's escape in one direction and with the river on the other.

When morning dawned, however, the animal made up its mind to cross the river, and going up to the road, walked across to the New Peraniya Station and, going down, crossed the river again. It then got on to the Colombo road, and after a short tramp, struck across country.

It was followed to Lankatilake, where it was forced on to a muddy field. When it had got bogged in the slough a mahout clambered up its back by the tail and thereafter the huge beast was perfectly helpless.

Preparations were then made to take the animal back home, more than ten miles away, under proper security and rendered incapable of mischief. It is to the credit of those responsible for capturing the tusker that their task was accomplished with only one minor casualty.

REVIVAL OF PETTICOAT.

New Dress Designs
Forecast.

The petticoat, which women so carelessly discarded during the war, is to be revived. Dress designers and artists in London and Paris have concluded that with the new graceful evening dresses it is necessary for women to return to the custom of their mothers.

Women who adopt the "return to the petticoat" vogue will have the satisfaction of realising that not only are they providing an artistic setting for their evening gowns, but they are giving work to Nottingham industrialists. The new petticoats are to be executed in satin and lace.

This is in fact, to be a satin and lace season.

Mr. E. Symonds, managing director of Reville, who is an ardent supporter of the petticoat revival, because of its two-fold aim, forecast spring fashions to a Daily Express representative.

Colour Planning.

Amber gold, burnt ivory, old world lavender, aluminium, peach, and light grey were his predictions for the colour planning of the spring evening dresses. For day wear he prophesied blues, from navy to pale cornflower, greens, bronzes, reds, black and white, and flecked materials.

Dresses for day wear will be four inches below the knee, afternoon frocks about four or five inches from the ground, evening frocks an inch or two shorter than they were last year. "The dresses this year will show a greater femininity," said Mr. Symonds. "Styles are fuller while maintaining slender lines."

"Some women think the knitwear trade is dead. This is not at all the case. Knitwear is being made in Lancashire, and women who are wearing it are helping British trade."

"This will be a season of tailored suits. That is a good thing, for English women always look better in tailored suits than in any other garments."

The winter construction programme of the Montreal Harbour Commission calls for an expenditure of \$3,500,000, and the employment of 1,800 men. It is announced by J. H. Rainville, chairman of the Board.

faithful of all wives, to be disposed of absolutely by her and for her use. My dear wife, if she survives me, will, I feel sure, take care to leave what she can for our dearest daughter Mary.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank, wire	11 1/2
Bank, on demand	11 1/2
Bank, 4 months' sight	11 15/16
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/— 5/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/— 7/16
On New York—	
On demand	61 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	65 1/2
On Bombay—	
On demand	24
Credits, 60 days' sight	25 1/2
On Calcutta—	
On demand	66 1/2
On Calcutta—	66 1/2
Wire	
Wire	66 1/2
On demand	
On demand	42 1/2
On demand	
On demand	48 1/2
On demand	
On demand	71 1/2
Dollar	
Dollar	4 1/2 dis.
On demand	
On demand	48 1/2
buying rate	
buying rate	1/— 3/4
Silver (per oz.)	
Silver (per oz.)	13 11/16
Bar Silver in Hong	
Bar Silver in Hong	Nominal
Copper Cash	
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Cents	
Copper Cents	3 1/2 prem
Rate of Native In	
Rate of Native In	3 1/2 p.c.
Chinese Sub. Coin	
Chinese Sub. Coin	22 1/2 dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	Far

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	124.14 1/2
New York	4.85 29/32
Brussels	34.84 1/2
Geneva	25.25 1/2
Amsterdam	12.12
Milan	92.75 1/2
Berlin	20.41
Stockholm	18.14 1/2
Copenhagen	18.16 1/2
Oslø	18.16 1/2
Vienna	34.66 1/2
Frankfurt	164
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Madrid	44.7
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	376
Bucharest	217
Rio	4 1/16
Buenos Aires	31 1/2
Montevideo	38 1/2
Bombay	1/5 13/16
Shanghai	1/3 1/2
Hong Kong	11 1/2
Yokohama	2/— 13/32
Silver Spot	13 11/16
Silver Forward	13 1/2
— British Wireless Service	

FRANCO-ITALIAN DEADLOCK.

Last Effort to Solve Disarmament
Problem.

Paris, February 11.

A last desperate effort to bring about a rapprochement between France and Italy in the naval parity issue is being made by the British naval expert, Mr. Craigie, who arrived at Paris from Rome and who is carrying on conversations with the Premier, M. Briand and a number of important personages, including the French disarmament delegate, M. Massigli.

Quarters in close touch with the British Embassy express the hope that a reconciliation will be effected, since failing that, Britain will be compelled to revise her attitude to the London Naval Pact. It is understood that France's plans of including in this year's naval programme provision for laying down a new type of 23,000 ton cruiser, also forms an important subject of Mr. Craigie's conversation.

However, the Press in discussing the prospects of Mr. Craigie's mission, views them with extreme pessimism, some newspapers insisting that France must make up for the losses in naval armament caused by the five months' Franco-Italian naval holiday which terminated on January 1.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations 13th March, 1931.

STOCK	Buy-ers	Sell-ers	Sales	Dom	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	\$ 2010	2030	2000	2010	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Mar. 9, 31
Chartered Bank	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Mercantile Bk., A.S.B.	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Sep. — 30
Bank of Asia	\$ 1101	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Feb. 28, 31
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	\$ 1615	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] May 16, 31
China Ins.	\$ 420	...	610	40	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] May 30, 31
*China Underwriters	\$ 3.05	3 1/2	...	...	Dec.	...
China Fire Ins.	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] May 30, 31
H. K. Fire Ins.	\$ 1320	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Shipping.						
Douglas	...	25	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
H. K. Steamships	...	20 1/2	...	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Mar. 4, 30
Indo-China (Pref.)	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] June 19, 29
(Def.)	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Jan. 8, 31
Shell Transport	69	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Jan. 8, 31
Union Waterways	36 1/2	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Mining.						
Benquet	10 1/2	Dec.	[Final 40 centavo] Dec. 30, 30
Kailan Mining Ad.	55	June	[Final 21 bonus 21] Dec. 30, 30
Langkat	8 1/2	Oct.	[Final 21 bonus 21] May 6, 30
S'hai Exploration	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Feb. 6, 31
Loans	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Mar. 10, 31
*Rube	Mar.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Venezuela Gold Fields	\$ 3.60	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Docks	...	172	...	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
H. K. & W. Docks	\$ 301	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
South Ch. Motors	10	...	...
*China Provident (old)	5.85	...	...
(new)	3.40	...	...
Hongkew	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
N. Engineering	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Shanghai Docks	Apr.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
*H. K. & S. Hotels	\$ 12.80	...	12.80	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
H.K. Lands	85	...	...
Shanghai Lands	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Humphreys (Cam Ru.)	16.80	...	...
H. K. Realities	\$ 0.70	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Chinese Estates	Feb.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Cotton Mills.						
*Ewo Cotton	14 1/2	x div.	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Shanghai Cotton	Apr.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Zoong Sings	18.10	June	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Public Utilities.						
*H. K. Tramways	17.80	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Peak Tram (old)	Apr.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
(new)
Star Ferry	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
*China Light	25.30	Sept.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
H. K. Electric	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Macao
Sandakan Lights	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
H.K. Tel. fully paid	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
China Buses	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
S'pore Tramways (Ord.)	Sept.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
(Pref.)
Industrials.						
China Sugars	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Malayan Sugars	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Cald Macg. Ord.	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Canton Ice	July	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
*Cement (com.)	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
(old)	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
(new)	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
H. K. Ropes	\$ 18.80	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farm (old)	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
(new)	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Watsons	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Der A Wings	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Lane Crawford	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Sincere	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Wm. Powell	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amusement (X.R.)	Mar.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
(new)	Mar.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Ch. Entertainment	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
H. K. Construction	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
B. Ind. G. Bonds	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
H. K. Govt. Bonds	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
*Speculative shares. *Sales to Shanghai.						

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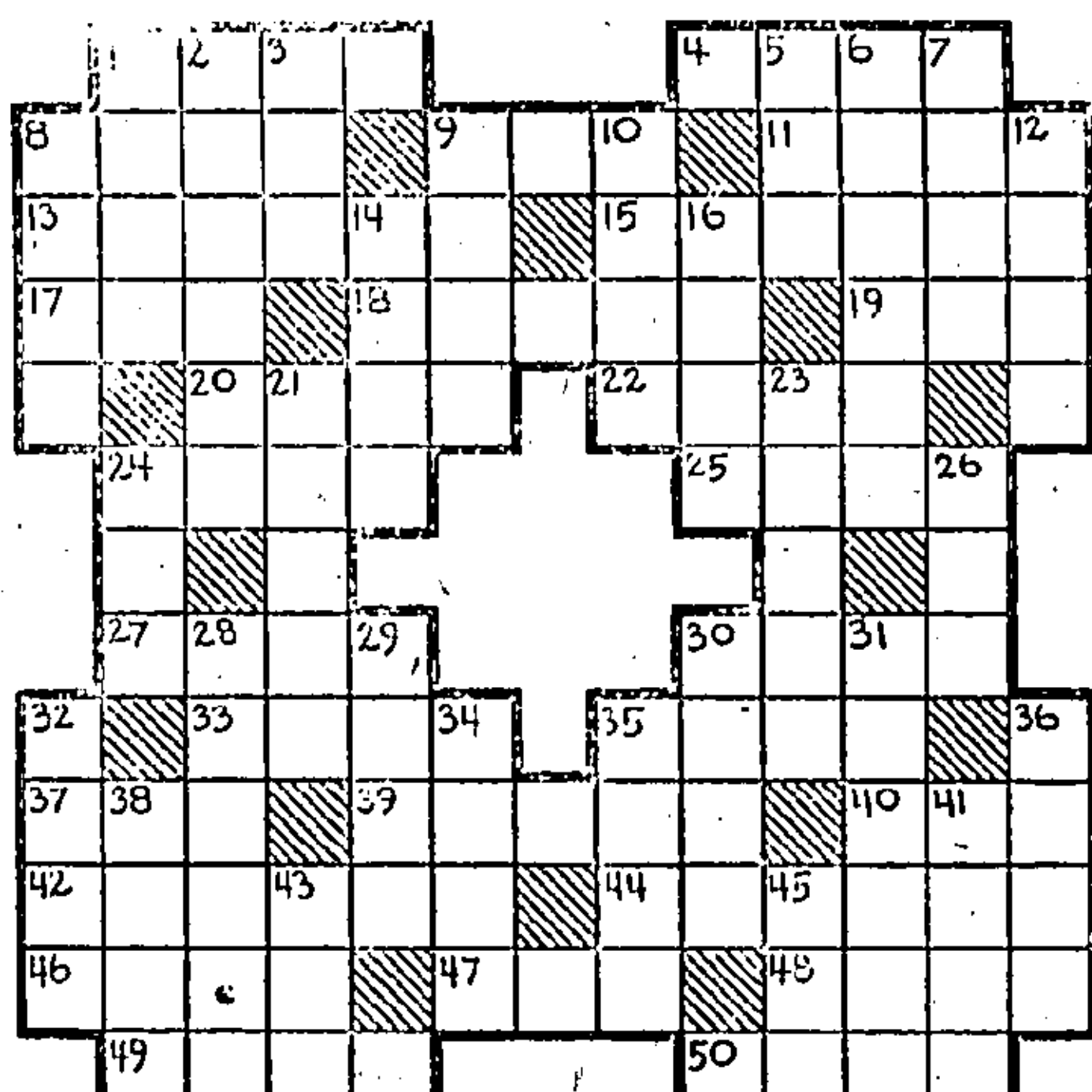
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic
spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Rim
- 4-Cut
- 8-Venture
- 9-Part of the body
- 11-Ensnare
- 12-Witlowe used in
wickework
- 16-To shape ideas
- 17-Sty
- 18-Passageway in a
theatre
- 19-A marsh
- 20-A New Zealand
parrot
- 22-Point of compass
- 24-Island (Poet)
- 25-Ascend
- 27-Group
- 30-Biblical name
- 33-A set of workers
- 35-A vehicle on run-
ners

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 37-Insect
- 39-A pigment
- 40-Mountains (abbr.)
- 42-Planted
- 44-Belonging to Aonia
- 46-An eagle
- 47-Emperor (abbr.)
- 48-Large wooded plant
- 49-River in Germany
- 50-Island on the Gulf
of Riga

VERTICAL

- 1-Comfort
- 2-Beverages
- 3-Call by the driver to
turn to the right
- 5-Consumed
- 6-Artifice
- 7-Feminine name
- 8-Opium paste

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 9-Largest continent
- 10-Measure of length
- 12-Enclosure
- 14-Garden implement
- 16-Beloved
- 21-Solitary
- 22-Beliquement
- 24-Mischivous child
- 25-Organ of hearing
- 28-To wait upon
- 29-Narrow strip of
woven fabric
- 30-Lowest female voice
- 31-Adore
- 32-Foundation
- 33-Constructed
- 35-To break suddenly
- 36-A sort
- 38-A Roman emperor
- 41-An oriental weight
- 43-Scotch river
- 45-Nights (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in
to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

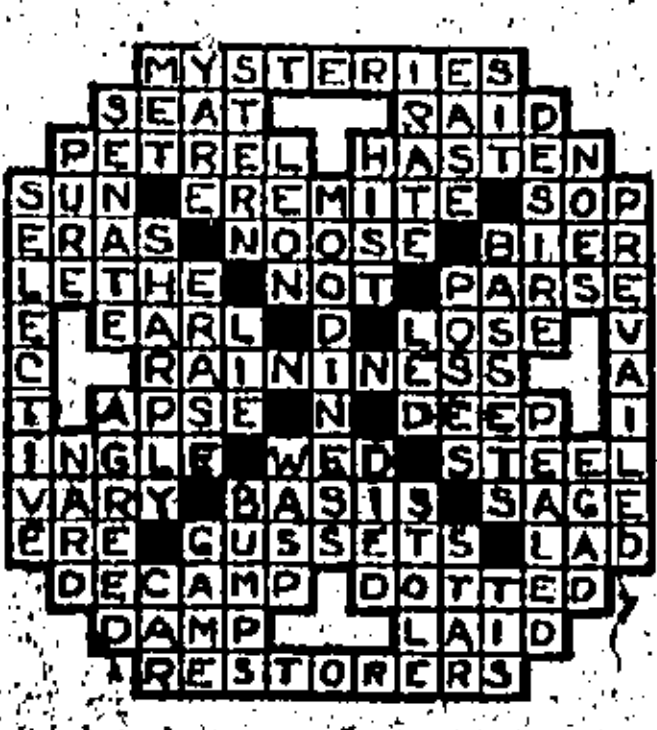
STANDARD TIMES.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN COLONY.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong
Kong for March, 1931. Stan-
dard time of the 120th Meridian,
East of Greenwich, are as fol-
lows:—

Date	a.m.	p.m.
13	6.35	6.32
14	6.34	6.32
15	6.33	6.33
16	6.33	6.33
17	6.32	6.33
18	6.31	6.33
19	6.30	6.34
20	6.29	6.34
21	6.27	6.34
22	6.26	6.35
23	6.25	6.36

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



24	6.25	6.36
25	6.24	6.36
26	6.23	6.36
27	6.22	6.37
28	6.21	6.37
29	6.20	6.37
30	6.19	6.38
31	6.18	6.38

TALKIE TALKS

"Hit the Deck"—A New York
and London success. Polly Walker,
a new-comer from the stage, does
not cause much sensation as the
incredibly innocent coffee house
girl, but Jack Oakie makes us for-
get the Valentinos and other shes
and want to see his plain cheery
satisfactory personality. It does
not matter whether he is chewing
gum, singing, dancing or making
love, he pleases. Go by all means
if only to hear Margaret Padua
sing the Hallelujah chorus at the
Negro spiritualistic meeting; good
lighting here in shades and again
the strong light. Personally I do
not think they put over the song
as well as they did in the original
stage version. This Oakie boy is
good. Shot up to stardom quicker
than any other comedian. He is
conceited; but it is a nice fresh
amusing conceit. Used to be a
telephone operator on the New
York Stock Exchange. Never has
forgotten that he worked the
switches when the Prince of Wales
visited Wall Street. The only time,
he says that he felt nervous. Join-
ed an amateur Club, then to the
vaudeville, and revue. By sheer
nerve tackled Wesley Ruggles in
his office at the Universal Studio,
signed to him, then to Paramount,
where he has an iron-bound con-
tract. Worth seeing. (Central).

"Monte Carlo." Jeanette Mac-
donald as Countess Vera who runs
away on the eve of her marriage to
a rich Prince, makes a play for the
fortune she lost in refusing to
marry a man she hated—wins—
only to lose it in the next few
moments. Then she meets the de-
lightful Count (Jack Buchanan)
who poses as an ideal hair-
dresser, really has plenty of money,
sings tuneful songs, in which she
outshines him—marries and lives
happily ever after, as they will do
always—in musical comedies. This
Paramount feature will open the
very lovely new King's Theatre in
—when shall I say?—end of
March? No matter, we shall hear
in good time to make it a grand
opening and send-off. Think
of it. From EVERY seat
a perfect view of the screen,
and seats that are really
a joy, and warmth to the feet with
rubber matting (needed on some
of the nights we have here of late).
There will be one road which will
lead us all to the Kings to hear
his delightful operetta, and to
see our kindest remarks on the
newest acquisition for our amuse-
ment. Are we not lucky to have
so many theatres showing us first
class releases? Our thanks are
due to the various managements
who add to the joy of life in this
lovely home-town of ours. I do
not advise. I just KNOW you will
never miss this show. (King's).

"So This is London" with the
favourite of Kings, Presidents and
the people, Will Rogers. "For the
people, of the people, Will



Ruth Chatterton.

Rogers is one man who can
afford to remain perfectly natural.
He does not act, he is himself.
The screen means nothing to him,
neither did the stage. He talked
to us, he made us laugh. We all
loved him in "So This is Paris,"
but here is the sequel which car-
ries America's unofficial Ambassa-
dor to Britain's shores. It will
amuse those who like to see
Americans and Britons caricatured.

It shows natives of each country
as they are imagined by the ignor-
ant on both shores of the Atlantic.
We see Will Rogers as Hiram
Draper, an American it would be
hard to find in re life, and we see
Lumsden Hare, as Lord Worthing
embodying the type of a Briton
such as could not exist. It is all
exaggerated, but amusing. I did
not think it so good as the other.
Irene Rich, always lovely, with
Maureen O'Sullivan and Frank
Albertson do their parts creditably.
I would not miss it. (Queen's).
"Slightly Scarlet." Two crooks,
a beautiful lady and a British
gentleman are on the trail of the
same necklace, when love comes
along, and they reform each other.
Very sweet and romantic, but that
is not the best part of the story.
There are many laughs when you
meet the American family who
spend their lives trying to lure
nobility into their drawing-rooms,
Helen Ware, Virginia Bruce, and
Eugene Pallette are all good. The
hero is Clive Brook—menace Paul
Lukas, and heroine Evelyn Brent.
It is the sort of picture that passes
a pleasant evening. Clive Brook
is an outstanding success in the
Talkies, as he was in the Movies.
The young American idea is that
he typifies the average British
gentleman. Retiring, calm, direct,
looks indifferent, but is not; it is
just his sense of moderation. Is
still at a loss to know why he is
such a success. Delightful wife,
two adorable children, wonderful
home, only enjoys the company of
the select few Britons who make
up that small colony in Hollywood.
He loves the Talkies, has a big
asset in his accent, the public
(mostly Mrs. Public and daughter)
like his take-me-or-leave-me
attitude. He always seems to be
at his best with Ruth Chatterton—
is very popular with the staff at
the studio; receives an enormous
amount of "Fan" mail. Recently,
paid a return visit to his home
town, and his legions of admirers
gave him the sort of welcome they

give Ronnie Colman and the great
little Charles. Mobbed is the
word. Quite an interesting play
his one. (Central).

Charles Farrell.
"High Society Blues," with the
adorable Janet Gaynor, and her
handsome boy friend, Charles Far-
rell, in a second edition of their
first so-called musical production;
"Sunny Side Up." Charles and
Janet sing and play the "uke" on
every occasion—it was Jan's last
effort before she ran away to



Honolulu. You may like it. I shall
say no more. "Sunny Side Up"
was a box office riot in this
Colony. This may be the same. It
is such a blessing for the manage-
ments that we do not think alike.
I love the pathetic Janet in parts
like "Seventh Heaven," and I am
glad to say she has such a part in
"The Man Who Came Back" which
she is doing now at Fox Studio.
(Queen's).



Charming Janet Gaynor star-
ring in "High Society Blues"
with Charles Farrell in the
Queen's Theatre on Sunday.
As an audible actor, George
O'Brien is still a novelty. He has
the gift of speech, easy, natural
and spontaneous. I like his laugh.
His first Talkie here, "Missed Mrs.
Rough Romance" had so little in
it. The audience in the Queen's

Theatre who had the pleasure of
seeing Mr. O'Brien on Sunday even-
ing were delighted with his man-
ner and appearance, certainly a
fine type.



George O'Brien.

Many months ago I said I hoped
the Paramount would not burden
us with Moran and Mack. (The
Two Black Crows) in their over-
rated Talkies. Let us hope, for the
sake of the local public they spare
us from their other effect—that
is a good word and expresses what
I mean—for EFFORT it certainly
was. (Central).

There are two men of whom I
would write in the highest praise
—Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy,
who have scowled and whimpered
their way into the hearts of us all.
Doing commonplace things in a
commonplace manner is the secret
of the humour. Stan Laurel drift-
ed about in pictures for ten years
quite unknown. Hardy travelled
in obscurity for fourteen years.
Now when a Picture Palace on
Broadway announces their features
every one chuckles. When their
names are thrown on the screen in
London, Paris, Sydney, not forget-
ting the Orient, you will hear a
murmur of delight. They are born
comedians, and in three years to-
gether have gone up from obscuri-
ty. In 1910 Stanley Jeffers-
son went to America with "Fred
Karno's London Company" (in
which the greatest little comedian
on earth was a member). Oliver
Hardy was making a bare living in
tent performances and minstrel
shows. He went to Hollywood in
1913, and Laurel in 1917. Hardy
thought he might do well as a vil-
lain. Laurel had aims to be a
comedian, and with that joyful
smile which is now famous, added
to the fact that from fifteen he had
pantomimed, he thought he would
find an opening. Not till 1925 did
they meet. They had been through
the mill in the meantime, taking
anything that was offered, and get-
ting nowhere. In 1927 they made
their first two reels, "Duck Soup,"
and the now world-famous team of

Laurel and Hardy came into
existence. They never quarrel,
write nearly all their own gags,
and are eager to be a foil for each
other. Have different friends, and
their wives are not friendly. Live
in Beverly Hills about thirteen
blocks apart. The only make-up
they use is a slight touch of grease
paint, and those Derby hats.
Hardy combs his hair down in that
bang on the forehead, and Laurel's
is greased to stand up. They are
eager to please, and have never
"Gone Hollywood." Hardy would
be mistaken for a well-to-do busi-
ness man off the screen, and
Laurel with his sandy hair and
blue eyes is liked by every one.
Both realise they must make hay
while the sun shines. They know
their vogue will not last for ever.
When that time comes they will go
into vaudeville together. They do
not speak much, especially Laurel;
they depend, like the master of the
art (Chaplin) on pantomime.



Anita Page.

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP.

The Duke of Sutherland was re-
cently a guest at Pickfair.
Regret to say John Gilbert only
has one more chance with M-G-M
to make good. "Way for a Sailor"
not too highly praised. Now doing
"Cheri Bibi."
Will some kind readers send a
word of encouragement to Lila Lee
and Renee Adoree. Both in a
Sanitarium in Prescott, Arizona.
Warner Baxter to play in "The
Squaw-Man." Eleanor Boardman
and Lupe Velez in the east, also
C. Aubrey Smith and Raymond
Hutton.
Ramon Novarro has made a big
hit as Director for the Spanish
version of "Call of the Fresh."
Dix is to direct for R.K.O. By the
bye they have bought up Pathe
for \$5,000,000, so now we shall see
the famous Pathe News Reels
under the new sign and banner.
Do not fail to see "The Little
Accident" in the Majestic, Kow-
loon. Douglas Fairbanks, jun., ex-
cellent. Watch the three beauties,
especially the newcomer, Marsh, as

Doris. She has a good part with
Greta Garbo in her latest,
"Inspiration," which is the old
play "Sappho" with a new name.
Greta and her best Director,
Clarence Brown, have parted com-
pany.
Puzzle to me why "Within the
Law" should be changed to "Paid."
Joan Crawford at her best.

CENSOR'S WARNING.

BAN ON SORDID FILMS.

A warning to the trade that films
featuring brutal and sordid scenes
will be banned is contained in a
circular letter addressed to the com-
panies by Mr. Edward Shortt, K.C.,
Chief Censor.
"In our last reports," the Censor
states, "attention has been drawn
to the tendency to produce incidents
of prolonged and gross brutality
and sordid themes, which, it must
be admitted, are unwholesome and
repugnant to large sections of the
audience in this country."
"Such films have required drastic
limitations and modifications be-
fore they could receive the Board's
certificate."

"Of late, it has been noticed with
regret that films are being produced
in which the development of the
theme necessitates a continuous
succession of grossly brutal and
sordid scenes, accompanied, in the
case of auditory films, with sounds
that accentuate the situation and
nauseate the listener."

"No modification, however, drastic,
can render such films suitable
for public exhibition. In conse-
quence, the board takes this oppor-
tunity of notifying the trade that,
in future, no film will receive the
board's certificate in which the
theme, without any redeeming char-
acteristic, depends upon the intense
brutality of unrelieved sordidness
of the scenes depicted."

Mr. Herbert Wilcox, the British
film producer, interviewed at
Elstree, said that he welcomed the
board's action.

"Although, in principle, I am op-
posed to all forms of film censor-
ship," he added, "I think the board
has acted wisely in this matter. It
has to be recognised that the intro-
duction of sound into films, by
heightening realism, make unpleas-
antly vivid things which the silent
film left to the imagination."

"Scenes which were possible and
permissible in silent pictures, be-
come repugnant when augmented
by sound."

"The best censors, however, are
the members of the public them-
selves. They quickly show their
disapproval of films which contain
scenes of a sordid character. They
just stay away."
"The good taste of the British
film-going public is apparent to all
discerning film producers. It
would not be worth our while to
give them films with unpleasant
themes. I rejoice that it should be
so. It is a most healthy sign."

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SIR T. BEECHAM'S AFFAIRS.

Appeal from Bankruptcy Dismissed.

GOODS FOR WIFE.

The Court of Appeal, consisting of the Master of the Rolls and Lords Justices Lawrence and Romer, recently had before them an appeal from the Bankruptcy Court entered in the list as "re a Debtor (No. 954 of 1930) ex parte The Debtor v. the Petitioning Creditor and the Official Receiver, an appeal from a Receiving Order made by Mr. Registrar Warrington on December 5, 1930." The appeal was dismissed.

The Master of the Rolls, in giving judgment, stated that the debtor was Sir Thomas Beecham.

Mr. Kingham appeared for the debtor, and Mr. W. N. Stable for the respondents, the petitioning creditors.

Mr. Kingham said the receiving order was made on a judgment obtained against the debtor in respect of goods supplied to his wife. Counsel, who referred to the appellant throughout as the debtor, said that his debts and contingent liabilities amounted to about £140,000. But the debtor had an interest to the extent of about £500,000 in settled funds acquired under the will of his father. In November last a scheme came before Mr. Justice Bennett in the Chancery Division for the purpose of funds being raised on the debtor's life interest in the settlement, which would have been sufficient to enable him to discharge all his liabilities.

Inland Revenue Claim.
In reply to the Master of the Rolls, Mr. Kingham said that, spread over a number of years, there had been about 170 petitions filed against the debtor. These petitions had been got rid of. At the present moment there were about ten or eleven petitions outstanding.

The largest creditor against the debtor was the Inland Revenue, who had a claim for £60,000 in respect of super tax unpaid for some years. The Inland Revenue had agreed, if the other creditors would do likewise, to accept 10s. in the £ in settlement.

Mr. Kingham said he did not ask for the receiving order to be rescinded, but for a stay for a short time of the proceedings under the order to enable the debtor to put forward another scheme. If adjudication followed the debtor's interest in the settled fund would be jeopardised.

The Master of the Rolls, in giving judgment, said the receiving order appealed from was made in respect of a judgment debt for £2,083 in respect of goods supplied to the debtor's wife. A scheme had been adopted in 1919. Since then, although the debtor had had considerable means, he had failed to keep within the annual sum to which he was entitled. There was no doubt that he had made considerable sums of money himself. That fact was apparent having regard to the claim put forward by the Inland Revenue authorities for super tax.

The Court had come to the conclusion that in the public interest the application ought not to be granted. The order of the Court was that the appeal of the debtor, Sir Thomas Beecham, Bt., should be dismissed, and that the advertisement of the receiving order should no longer be stayed.

The Lords Justices concurred.

CHINESE STEAMER EXPLOSION.

Tragedy Seventy Miles from Shanghai.

TWO HUNDRED DROWNED.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
It is reported that a heavily-loaded Chinese passenger steamer, the Ta Chi, bound up-river, blew up and sank last night seventy miles from Shanghai. It is believed that 200 were drowned.

The vessel carried 100 Chinese soldiers among 300 Chinese passengers, and it is reported that a fire broke out aboard as the result of soldiers throwing cigarette ends into the cargo, which was mainly of cotton. An explosion quickly followed the outbreak of fire.

Harrowing Scenes.

Later.
The loss of the Ta Chi is confirmed by a Customs cruiser which has brought survivors to Shanghai. It was patrolling in the Yangtze and saw smoke smothering the vessel. It steamed over to assist, but before arrival an explosion rent the Ta Chi's foredeck, instantly killing many deck passengers.

The captain anchored the ship, but immediately a second explosion blew out the stern, throwing most of the remaining passengers into the river.

There were most frightful scenes as a mass of burned, injured and panic-stricken humanity struggled

RIOTERS STORM OIL DEPOT.

Forest Set on Fire in Korea.

CAUSE OF DISTURBANCES.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

It is reported that rioters stormed the oil depot and set fire to the neighbouring forest in the town of Koshu, in western Korea. Replying to interpellations on the affair in the Upper House, the Government stated that official despatches partly confirmed the alleged outrages, and the local authorities had been instructed to get the situation under control.

The disturbances apparently were due to opposition by Koreans to the proposed removal of the prefectural office from Koshu to a more convenient site.—Reuter.

In the water and on the wrecked ship.

The Customs cruiser and some native boats rescued 180 people out of about 400 known to be aboard the vessel, which was loaded to capacity with deck passengers.—Reuter.

[The Ta Chi was built in Hong Kong in 1904, and was a wooden single screw vessel of 220 tons, formerly known as the Tung Ning. It was registered at Shanghai and flew the Chinese flag.]

The Reuter cable gives the name as Pa Chi, which is probably an alternative rendering.]



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